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TO JAN. 2**

The College is closed.

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MARCH 11

CPSNL Council
quarterly meeting.

Location:
The Gathering Place
St. John's

HIGHLIGHTS: 2016 Q4 Council Meeting

The fourth-quarter College Council meeting was held at the Association of Registered Nurses of NL (St. John's) on December 10th. Highlights included:

1. Welcoming new members to Council and expressing appreciation to members completing their terms. (For details, see next page.)
2. Committee members were chosen and committee Chairs named. Ms. Gail Hamilton is the new Council Chair; Dr. Peter Seviour will serve as Vice-Chair.
3. The 2017 Operational Plan created from the Strategic Review (reviewed at the Q3 meeting) was reviewed and approved.
4. The 2017 Budget of \$3.29 million (also built to reflect the priorities in the Strategic Review) was reviewed and approved. See next page for proposed breakdown of expenditures.
5. A December 2016 updating of the MAiD Standard of Practice was reviewed and approved. This standard of practice can be viewed on the College's website.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 11, 2017

TWO REVISED GUIDELINES APPROVED

Council reviewed and approved revisions to two College guidelines at its fourth-quarter meeting in December. They were:

- Chaperones and Sensitive Examinations
- Advertising and Public Communications

The revised guidelines can be viewed on the College's website.

OUR

SEASONAL GREETING

On behalf of College staff and the members of the Council, we extend best wishes to all for a safe, healthy and productive New Year.

*"According to a recent series of *Globe and Mail* articles . . . in 2015, doctors wrote 53 opioid prescriptions for every 100 people in Canada."*

- Professor Peter McKnight,
Simon Fraser University

IN OUR NEWS



MEET CPSNL'S NEW DEPUTY REGISTRAR

In early January, Dr. Oscar Howell will take up the position of Deputy Registrar with the College.

A graduate of Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Howell has a Master's degree in Occupational Health

from McGill University and is both a fellow of the Canadian Board of Occupational Medicine and past president of the Occupational and Environmental Medical Association of Canada. His medical experience includes general practice (including obstetrics and emergency medicine) and a consultant practice in occupational medicine, during which period he served as Chief Occupational Medicine Officer for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Corporate Medical Officer. For the past decade, he has served as Vice President of Medical Services and Diagnostics with Eastern Health.

COLLEGE CHANGES, COUNCIL CHANGES

Several changes at the College are occurring in December. Deputy Registrar Dr. Robert Williams and Associate Registrar (Complaints and Investigations) Dr. Nigel Duguid both retire on the 31st, and the December 11th Council meeting was the last for members Drs. Arthur Rideout, James Hickey (Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively), Gurmit Minhas and John Campbell. The College sincerely thanks them all for their many contributions and years of service.

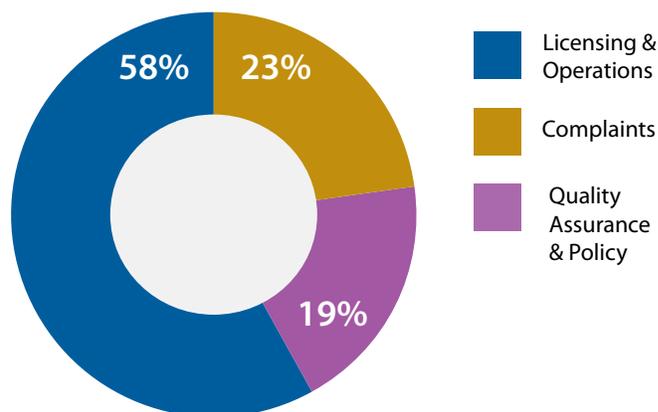
Four new members of the 15-person Council were chosen in the fall elections. They began their terms on December 12th. Dr. Kevin Hogan and

Dr. Rebecca Rudofsky were chosen from the area of the City of St. John's and the City of Mount Pearl; Dr. Carl Sparrow and Dr. Tracey Wentzell were elected from the remainder of the province.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Over the past 24 months, Registrar Linda Inkpen has travelled to the areas represented by members of Council, to introduce the Council and its work to doctors as well as to personally meet College members, answer their questions, and hear their concerns. This has taken her to Grand Falls–Windsor, Botwood, Lewisporte, Gander, Burin, Corner Brook, and most recently to Labrador City and Goose Bay.

2017 BUDGET: WHERE YOUR FEES WILL BE SPENT



COLLEGE WORK: 2017

The Council's annual strategic review, undertaken in September, informs the coming year's Operational Plan and priorities. For 2017, the College will devote particular attention to improving the efficiency and transparency of our licensing process, as well as improving our information/data management processes and our website.

Mandate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador

"The college is authorized to regulate the practice of medicine and the medical profession in the public interest."

As established by the *Medical Act*, 2011