

Board Minutes

Open Session

Meeting Date:	September 24, 2020
Attendees:	Rob Calnan (Chair); Yvonne Savard (Vice-Chair); Colin Bennett; Pinder Cheema (part); Janene Erickson; Tanya Momtazian; Ruth Ringland; Madelon Stevens; Rick Turner
Regrets:	Sangeeta Subramanian
Staff:	Cynthia Johansen; Louise Aerts; Bradley Chisholm; Katherine Graham; Daniel Laflèche; Christine Penney; Monica Redekopp (part); Dave Bhauruth (part); Elizabeth Elliot (part); Daryl Beckett (part); Alison Amratlal (part); Joyce Lam (part); Arminster Sihat; Rosanna Gonzalez Paredes
Guests:	Syexwáliya

The open session of the board meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair at 9:33am. She gave a territorial acknowledgement and invited Syexwáliya to open the meeting with a prayer.

P. Cheema and Y. Savard each declared a conflict of interest with respect to the confirmation being sought of the registrar's decisions on education program review activities at item 1(c) on the consent agenda.

The Board identified no other conflicts of interest.

R. Calnan joined the meeting at 9:40am

Approval of Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

RESOLVED THAT the consent agenda for the BCCNM Board meeting held on September 24, 2020 be approved:

- a) RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the email board meeting held on August 28, 2020 be approved.
- b) RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the open session of the board meeting held on September 1, 2020 be approved.
- c) The Board confirmed the following decisions made by the Registrar/CEO on its behalf:

On the recommendation of the Education Program Review Committee, the Registrar has:

- Granted an extension to the recognition of the Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Program offered at Douglas College for one year until June 30, 2022.

- Approved the Certified Practice Courses RN First Call and Remote Nursing offered by the University of Northern British Columbia for two years until August 31, 2022.
- Accepted the Bi-Annual Letter submitted by Douglas College Psychiatric Nursing Refresher Certificate Program on July 31, 2020 as having met the terms and conditions of recognition.
- Accepted the Annual Letter submitted by Douglas College Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Program on June 17, 2020 as having met the terms and conditions of recognition.
- Accepted the Interim Report submitted by Northern Lights College Generic Practical Nursing Program on July 31, 2020 as having met the terms and conditions of recognition.
- Granted an extension to the recognition of the generic practical nursing program offered by North Island College (Campbell River) for 1 year from February 28, 2021 until February 28, 2022.
- Accepted the increase in enrollment to 12 students annually at each of the generic practical nursing education programs offered by North Island College (Campbell River and Port Alberni) starting September 2020.
- Accepted Interim Report #1 submitted by Discovery Community College (Campbell River) generic and access practical nursing education programs as having met a condition of recognition.
- Accepted Interim Report #1 submitted by Discovery Community College (Nanaimo) generic and access practical nursing education programs as having met a condition of recognition.
- Granted an extension to the recognition of the generic practical nursing program offered by Vancouver Career College (Burnaby) for one month from September 30, 2020 to October 31, 2020.
- Granted an extension to the recognition of the generic practical nursing program offered by Vancouver Career College (Abbotsford) for one month from September 30, 2020 to October 31, 2020.
- Granted an extension to the recognition of the generic practical nursing program offered by Stenberg College (Surrey) for one month from October 31, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

d) **RESOLVED THAT** the BCCNM Board approves the removal of the word “in-person” from standard 8c of the Medical Assistance in Dying Scope of Practice standard, in the *Scope of Practice for Nurse Practitioners: Standards, Limits and Conditions*.

CARRIED

(with two abstentions for item 1(c))

Approval of Agenda

RESOLVED THAT the open agenda for the BCCNM Board meeting held on September 24, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

D Bhauruth left the meeting at 9:50am

Update to Standards of Practice (LPN, NP, RN, and RPN)

The Board was presented with new and amended scope of practice standards, limits, and conditions for each of the four nursing professions, recommended by the Professional Practice and Standards Committee as part of its ongoing harmonization efforts.

WHEREAS the BCCNM Board has reviewed the recommendations put forward by the panels of the BCCNP Professional Practice and Standards Committee as explained in the briefing note dated 15 September 2020,

RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following:

1. Acting within Autonomous Scope of Practice
 - a. licensed practical nurse scope of practice standards, limits and conditions and introduction for Acting within Autonomous Scope of Practice as set out in Appendix A to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020;
 - b. registered nurse scope of practice standards, limits and conditions and introduction for Acting within Autonomous Scope of Practice as set out in Appendix B to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020;
 - c. registered psychiatric nurse scope of practice standards, limits and conditions and introduction for Acting within Autonomous Scope of Practice as set out in Appendix C to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020;
2. Acting with Client-Specific Orders
 - a. licensed practical nurse scope of practice standards, limits and conditions and introduction for Acting with Client-specific Orders as set out in Appendix D to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020;
 - b. registered nurse scope of practice standards, limits and conditions and introduction for Acting with Client-specific Orders as set out in Appendix E to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020;
 - c. registered psychiatric nurse scope of practice standards, limits and conditions and introduction for Acting with Client-specific Orders as set out in Appendix F the briefing note dated September 15, 2020;
3. Medication
 - a. Medication Practice Standard standards and introduction as set out in Appendix G to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020;
4. Prescribing
 - a. registered nurse scope of practice standards, limits and conditions and introduction for Prescribing as set out in Appendices H and J to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020;
 - b. registered psychiatric nurse scope of practice standards, limits and conditions and introduction for Prescribing as set out in Appendices I and K to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in approving the above, the Board rescinds the following:

- LPN Standards for Medication Administration
- RN/NP Standards for Medication Administration
- RPN Standards for Medication Administration
- LPN Standards for Dispensing Medications
- RN/NP Standards for Dispensing Medications
- RPN Standards for Dispensing Medications
- N/NP Standards for Medication Inventory Management
- LPN Standards for Acting without an Order
- RN Standards for Acting within Autonomous Scope of Practice
- RPN Standards for Acting within Autonomous Scope of Practice
- LPN Standards for Acting with an Order
- RN Standards for Acting with Client-Specific Orders
- RPN Standards for Acting with Client-Specific Orders
- RPN Standards of Practice limits and conditions for Prescribe and Giving Client-specific Orders for Medications

CARRIED

P Cheema left the meeting at 10:30am

Standards of Practice: RN and RPN Prescribing for Opioid Use Disorder

In response to the order issued by the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, the Board was asked to approve temporary amendments to the registered nurse and registered psychiatric nurse standards of practice related to prescribing for opioid use disorder:

RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following:

- a. registered nurse scope of practice limits and conditions when prescribing buprenorphine-naloxone for opioid use disorder as set out in Appendix A to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020,
- b. registered psychiatric nurse scope of practice limits and conditions when prescribing buprenorphine-naloxone for opioid use disorder as set out in Appendix B to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the registered nurse scope of practice limits and conditions when prescribing for opioid use disorder will be in effect until the date that the provincial public health order ends.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the registered psychiatric nurse scope of practice limits and conditions when prescribing for opioid use disorder will be in effect until the date that the provincial public health order ends.

CARRIED

CEO Report

The Board received an overview of the College’s strategic planning and operational activities, including updates on initiatives at provincial and national forums.

M Redekopp, E Elliot, and S Regan left the meeting at 10:42am

10:42 – 11:00am - break

J Lam and D Beckett joined the meeting at 11:00am

Report from Finance and Audit Committee

The Board reviewed the 2020 financial statements and received a financial update from the Chief Operating Officer. It was also asked to review the 2021 risk and operating budgets put forward by the Finance and Audit Committee and to consider three options relating to provisional daily rates in relation to the 2021 registrant fees.

RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Risk Budget, the minimum required unrestricted net asset level of \$2.1million, and the 2021 Operating Budget and fees (other than practicing and provisional daily rate changes for LPNs, RNs, RPNs, NPs, and Midwives), as presented to the Board at its September 24, 2020 meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board approves Option 2 in relation to the 2021 registrant fees, specifically the practicing and provisional daily rate changes, as presented in Appendix D to the briefing note dated September 15, 2020.

CARRIED

(9 in favour, 1 against)

BCCNM Bylaw Amendment - Schedule G: 2021 Fees

Following on from the 2021 budget and fees discussion, the Board was asked to approve a bylaw amendment repealing and replacing Schedule G (Fees) of the current bylaws, to come into effect on January 1, 2021.

RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the authority established in section 19(1) of the *Health Professions Act* (the “Act”), and subject to filing with the minister as required by section 19(3) of the Act, the Board amends the bylaws of the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives, by repealing Schedule G and substituting the attached new Schedule G, effective January 1, 2021.

CARRIED

(9 in favour, 1 against)

J. Lam and D. Beckett left the meeting at 12:58pm

12:58 – 1:30pm – lunch

The Board convened its closed session at 1:30pm.

The open session resumed at 3:45pm.

D. Beckett and A. Amratlal joined the meeting at 3:45pm

Recommended Bylaw Amendment: Section 89

The Board was briefed on the role of the Canadian Nurses Protective Society (CNPS), who provide professional liability protection (PLP) coverage to nursing professionals registered with the College, and an explanation as to why CNPS is a preferred vendor. The Board was asked to consider a proposal that would extend CNPS' PLP coverage to licensed practical nurses, who currently receive coverage through a separate commercial policy purchased in collaboration with other LPN regulators in Canada.

The Board agreed to begin the process of transitioning LPNs to the CNPS coverage in time for the 2022 annual renewal. The Board directed staff to draft proposed bylaws that would align the PLP requirements across the nursing professions as an initial step. These draft bylaws will be presented to the Board for review in the coming weeks.

D. Beckett left the meeting at 4:00pm

BCCNM Brand Update

Further to the presentation at its August 18 meeting, the Board received an update on how development of the BCCNM brand is progressing.

A. Amratlal left the meeting at 4:23pm

The open session of the meeting concluded at 4:23pm.

Next meetings:

- October 30, 2020
- November 26, 2020