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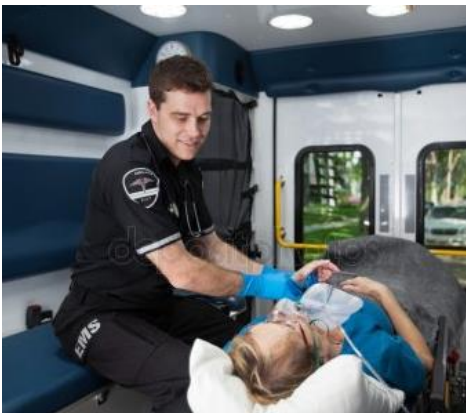


MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/REGISTRAR — TRISH BERGAL

Happy New Year to All! We look forward to a busy and productive 2020. As this is the year that the College will become operational, we look forward to meeting and interacting with many Paramedics over the course of the year.

Over the past year we have attended meetings with Paramedic administrators and educators, government officials, presented at the PAM AGM; been an exhibitor and presenter at the PACE conference; met with various employers of Paramedics in Manitoba. All these meetings have resulted in meaningful dialogue and partnership. We have been appreciative of these opportunities and look forward to others in the months ahead.

2019 COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS



Staffing: Our Coordinator of Regulatory Practices, **Christine Ewacha** was hired in March 2019. We said farewell to our Executive Assistant Bailey Campbell in July 2019 and welcomed **Lee Malcolmson** into her role as Executive Assistant, also in July 2019.

New Location: After a four-month search for office space, we signed our office lease in August 2019. We moved into our new space at 610-1445 Portage Avenue (Clarion Hotel Business Centre) on September 23, 2019. We have been able to achieve financial efficiencies by sharing space and office costs with the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba and the Manitoba Association of Medical Radiation Technologists. **We welcome everyone to our Open House on January 15, 2020 to see our offices!** On December 17, 2019 we welcomed Manitoba Health Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) Personnel Licensing staff, Joy Pritchett-Sheridan and Justin Rivais to co-locate to our office environment. Office co-location will occur until the College of Paramedics is officially the regulator of Paramedics under the RHPA. Some of you have already visited the office when dropping off your renewal forms.

Registrant Database/Regulatory Software: The College signed an agreement with Thentia Corporation to be the provider of our registrant database. Our website is being re-developed and will be launched later in January (the domain is the same: www.collegeparamb.ca). Once the registrant database is configured, each Paramedic will have their own portal to conduct registration/renewals; view their continuing competency records; safe-keep important documents for uploading and pay any required fees.

Transitional Council: Council met 10 times in 2019. The Council leadership team of **Dr. John Wade** (Chair); **Tom Wallace** (Chair-Elect); and **Jean Cox** (Treasurer) have demonstrated valuable leadership. Council accepted the recommendation from the Governance committee on a Governance model for use. Governance committee and Finance committees have developed several important policies which help hold Council and College staff accountable for the running of the College. A draft operating budget for the next several years has been developed. A recommendation on registrant fees will be shared with Paramedics within the next several months.

Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA): The RHPA is umbrella legislation that each health care profession is governed under. Each health care profession under the RHPA also has its own profession specific regulations. The two regulations for Paramedics are: *The Practice of Paramedicine Regulation* and the *College of Paramedics of Manitoba General Regulation*. Both Regulations help determine the scope of practice for Paramedics under the RHPA. In addition, the General Regulation sets out registration requirements, membership classes, standards of practice, continuing competency requirements, and terms and conditions on the performance of reserved acts by members of the college.

While the original goal of the College was to be operational by April 1, 2020, we are not able to achieve this goal because the required processes to be proclaimed under the RHPA have not been completed. A significant amount of time has been devoted to proposing the Reserved Acts for Paramedics. Reserved Acts are the clinical activities that can be performed by Paramedics in the course of providing patient care. The Reserved Acts for Paramedics must be based on education and current practice that form the basis for the knowledge, skills and judgement that are part of Paramedic practice. The College must obtain thorough feedback from employers and educators, other health care regulators and unions related to the Reserved Acts being proposed for Paramedic practice. Based on the feedback received, modifications to the Reserved Acts have been made.

The work required to be legislated under the RHPA has been very time-consuming but in conjunction with our partners in government, significant progress has been made. The next steps to be governed under the RHPA are:

- In January the Transitional Council of the College will approve for submission to government the *Amendments to the Practice of Paramedicine Regulation* and the *College of Paramedics of Manitoba General Regulation*.
- The public and any other stakeholders will be invited to comment on the Regulations during a 60-day public consultation period.
- Once the final versions of both Regulations are drafted, they must be approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council
- College staff are working on writing administrative policies and practice directions required for the College to regulate the profession.

You are invited to our Open House!

The College of Paramedics of Manitoba invite you to our Open House:

From 3 pm to 7 pm, Wednesday, January 15
602-1445 Portage Avenue (Clarion Hotel Business Centre)