

# CMM CIRCULAR

## SPRING 2020



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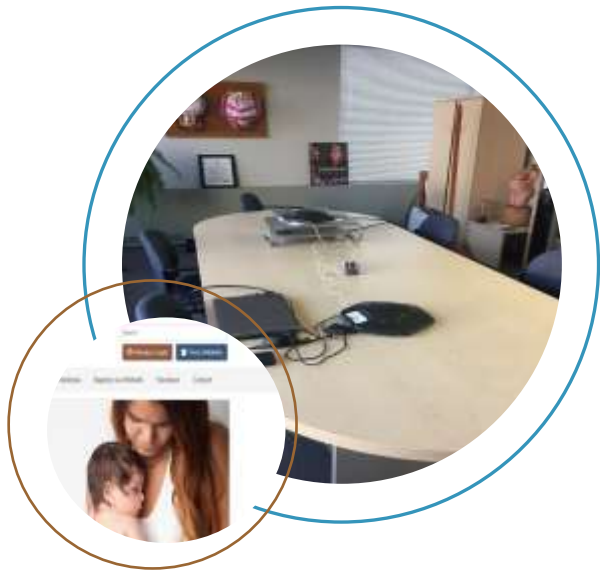
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## 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - POSTPONED

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Midwives of Manitoba has been postponed until further notice. Members will be notified of the new date at least 30 days in advance.

## ELECTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

The deadline for nominations for election to the Governing Council of the CMM has been extended to August 4, 2020.

Nomination forms are available in the **Elections 2020** folder of the **Resource Library** on your member home page.

Please consider letting your name stand for election as a member of the CMM Governing Council.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

On March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CMM offices began working in a semi-virtual capacity. Staff has largely been working remotely and walk-in traffic is restricted. During the last three months the work of the CMM has continued with little disruption. We anticipate the CMM will continue to function on a largely remote capacity at least until September and will consider plans for a gradual return to in-office operations at that time.

During the initial months of the pandemic the CMM focused its work on a number of pandemic-related activities and made the decision to postpone the implementation of any revised Standards/Guidelines, and to delay the selection of members for the Random Practice Assessment audit. Council also made the decision to extend the deadline for nominations for election to Council. New timelines for these activities are outlined in this Circular.

The CMM continues to post relevant updates on its website and members are encouraged to remain up to date with Shared Health Manitoba's recommendations via the Shared Health COVID-19 website.

The CMM would like to acknowledge the work of midwives in continuing to provide quality care during these challenging times.

## CALL FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The CMM is currently recruiting for midwives who would be interested in joining the Standards Committee. The purpose of the Standards Committee is to set the minimum practice standards of the members of the College of Midwives of Manitoba (CMM).

The term for this Committee is 3 years. This Committee meets on average 3 hours every 2-3 months.

If you are interested in joining this Committee, please contact Lynda at [admin@midwives.mb.ca](mailto:admin@midwives.mb.ca).

## CHANGES TO CMM STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

The following changes to CMM Standards and Guidelines will come into effect on June 15, 2020. Full details were emailed to members earlier in June.

### New and Updated Standards

- **Standard on Interprofessional Collaborative Care** (New!)
- **Standard for Consultation and Transfer of Care** (Updated)

### Rescinded Standards and Guidelines

- Standard on Practice Protocols
- Standard for Emergency Manual Removal of the Placenta
- Guideline for the Emergency Manual Removal of the Placenta
- Guideline for Management of Maternal Group B Streptococcus
- Guideline for the Management of Pregnancy Beyond 41 Weeks Gestation
- Guideline for the Management of Pre-Labour Rupture of Membranes at Term
- Guideline for Newborn Administration of Vitamin K



## STAFF AVAILABILITY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CMM Offices remain closed to walk-in traffic. To request an in-person appointment please email [admin@midwives.mb.ca](mailto:admin@midwives.mb.ca) or call 204-783-4520

CMM Staff remain available via telephone and email. Please note that all staff positions are part-time, so we will do our best to respond to your phone call or email within 1 business day. Summer holidays may also impact staff availability.

### OFFICE CLOSURES

Wednesday July 1 (Canada Day)

Monday, August 3 (Civic Holiday)

Monday, September 7 (Labour Day)

## KEEP THE CMM INFORMED

Changes in practice status must be requested via the CMM Member Portal. If you are planning a change in practice status, please complete the online request form at least 30 days in advance.

## 20 YEARS OF REGULATED MIDWIFERY

On June 12, 2000 after many years of tireless, dedicated work by numerous committee members – made up of midwives, consumers, consultants, and other stakeholders – the *Midwifery Act* was proclaimed! We had planned to celebrate this at our AGM, originally scheduled for June 12, but the pandemic intervened. Below is an excerpt from the Manitoba Government press release from the day the *Midwifery Act* was proclaimed.

June 12, 2000

### MIDWIFERY ACT PROCLAIMED TODAY

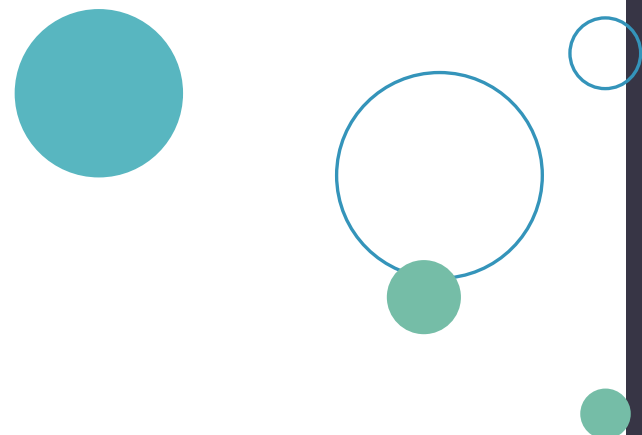
The province's *Midwifery Act* was proclaimed today, Health Minister Dave Chomiak has announced.

"Midwives and their supporters have waited many years for this special day," Chomiak said. "With this proclamation, our government has broadened the care options available to women and their families. Midwives, as an integral part of the health system, will offer specialized education and support to those who want an enhanced level of care before, during and after the birth of their child."

The provincial government approved almost \$2 million this year to support the implementation of 26 fully funded midwifery positions in Manitoba. Sixteen positions are allocated to the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) and 10 to rural and northern health authorities.

Under the *Midwifery Act*, prospective midwives must be registered by their regulatory body, the College of Midwives of Manitoba, and must practise in accordance with the Standard for the Midwifery Model of Practice in Manitoba.

Chomiak said that before midwives meet the college's requirements for registration, they have to write an exam and pass a clinical assessment set by the North American Registry of Midwives, and complete an upgrading program that has been developed to meet Manitoba standards.





## RANDOM PRACTICE ASSESSMENT LAUNCH DATE – SEPTEMBER 2020

After a delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Quality Assurance Committee of the CMM is preparing to launch this year's Random Practice Assessment (RPA) beginning in September 2020.

### When will the selection take place?

Midwives will be randomly selected and notified before September 15, 2020.

### Why do we do Random Practice Assessments?

The RPA is intended to be a learning process that supports achieving high quality practice. We anticipate that the results of the assessment will provide midwives with confirmation of areas where their practice meets or exceeds the standards and an opportunity to change any areas of practice where room for improvement is identified.

### What's involved in a Random Practice Assessment?

A Random Practice Assessment (RPA) involves 3 distinct areas:

- **A Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)**  
This questionnaire asks the midwife to reflect on various aspects of practice and document their responses. The SAQ takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete. The completed form is then reviewed by the Assessor.
- **Review of QA yearly records**  
All QA yearly records for the past five (5) years of practice must be submitted to the CMM for review by the Assessor.
- **Chart Review**  
Five (5) client charts from the past two (2) years of practice are chosen randomly and reviewed by the Assessor.

For full details please review the [Random Practice Assessment Overview](#). In addition, the Chart Audit Tool that is used by the Assessor is available to all members in the QA section of their member profile.