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In Memoriam

Amy Giesbrecht
1991 - 2020

Joan Keenan
1983 - 2020

COUNCIL NEWS

**At the Council meeting on
October 16, 2020 the following
members were elected to the
Executive Committee:**

Cara McDonald, RM
Chair

Erin Vosters, RM
Vice Chair – Elected member

Alison Beyer
Vice Chair – Appointed Member

Laura Wiebe, RM
KD Representative

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2020

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE CMM

Lauren Henderson, RM
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

Marianne Orlikow, RM
Southern Health - Santé Sud

Heike Twelkemeyer, RM
Southern Health - Santé Sud

VACCINES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there has been increased focus on ensuring the population is up to date on vaccines, with a specific focus on the influenza vaccine. *Schedule B* of the Midwifery Regulation authorizes midwives to prescribe and administer four specific vaccines on their own authority.

- Influenza
- MMR
- BCG
- Hepatitis B

Midwives may administer these 4 vaccines to clients and/or their newborns (as appropriate) without consultation or orders from a physician.

Midwives may administer other vaccines (e.g. TDAP) on the direction of a physician.

Numerous resources exist to support healthcare providers in remaining up to date on prescribing and administering vaccines.

Midwives and Vaccinations: Delivering Informed Choice Discussions is available on the Canadian Association of Midwives website:

<https://canadianmidwives.org/vaccines/>

Education Program for Immunization Competencies is available on the Canadian Pediatric Society website:

[Education Program for Immunization Competencies 3rd Edition | Canadian Paediatric Society \(cps.ca\)](#)

Health Canada publishes and updates the [Canadian Immunization Guide - Canada.ca](#)

The Midwifery Regulation also has a provision that enables government to grant additional prescriptive authority during a public health emergency. In order to do so, Council must first receive a request from the Minister of Health. If such a request is received, then Council may approve prescribing those drugs under any conditions they consider appropriate. To date the CMM has not received a request from the Minister. If such a request is received, members would be informed as soon as possible regarding the timeline and implementation of such a change.

OFFICE HOURS

Due to part-time status of all staff and semi-virtual operation during the pandemic, please email admin@midwives.mb.ca or call the office at (204) 783-4520 if you need to arrange an in-person meeting.

OFFICE CLOSURES

Thursday, December 24, 2020 – Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25, 2020 – Christmas Day

Friday, January 1, 2021 – New Year's Day

Monday, February 15, 2021 – Louis Riel Day

COVID-19 RELATED OFFICE UPDATES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College of Midwives of Manitoba will be operating a semi-virtual office until further notice. The College has systems in place to ensure that staff are equipped to provide services to the public and its members while working remotely. The College expects few disruptions. The identified disruptions are:

- Response times may be delayed, particularly if the response requires access to a document available in-office only.
- The College office will be unavailable for in-person visits. Remote meetings can be requested.
- Courier packages cannot be signed for at the College office without pre-arrangement. Please use Canada Post or delivery which can be dropped off via the office door mail slot. Mail will be checked on a reduced schedule of 1-2 times per week.

College staff can continue to be contacted via email and telephone during this time. Please be patient if response times are delayed.

[Click to view COVID-19 updates from the CMM](#)



COLLEGE OF MIDWIVES OF MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The CMM's 19th Annual General Meeting took place on November 20, 2020.

- This was the first fully virtual meeting the CMM has ever held, and it was a success.
- A total of 18 midwives, 5 guests and 3 staff attended, which is only two fewer than last year's AGM and well over the required minimum for quorum.
- The Registrar and Chairperson's report was presented, followed by the Financial report. Then nine CMM By-law amendments were presented.
 - The 5 amendments related to committees and banking passed unanimously
- The amendments related to fee increases were conducted via ballot vote
 - The amendment regarding the increase in practicing fees did not pass. (8 no, 5 yes, 1 abstain)
 - The amendments related to temporary, non-practising and student fees passed:
 - Temporary (10 yes, 3 no);
 - Non-practising (9 yes, 4 no);
 - Student (10 yes, no 3)

The updated [By-laws](#) are available on the CMM Website

CMM MEMBER PORTAL AND PUBLIC WEBSITE

Over the past year CMM has been steadily increasing the number of online forms and services available to its members. The following member services are available by logging in to the CMM Member Portal:

- Requests for change of practice status
- Quality Assurance reporting forms
- New Registrant reporting forms
- Requests for letters of professional conduct

The contents of the CMM Registrant's Handbook are also now available exclusively online on either the [CMM Member Portal](#) or the [CMM public website](#). Notices of updates are sent electronically, and paper copies will no longer be provided.

Recent additions to the Member Portal include:

- forms and information related to the CMM's Perinatal Review Committee
- registration policies
- sample Quality Assurance worksheets
- Skills Verification forms

All other Definitions, Policies, Guidelines and Standards are published on the CMM's public webpages:

- [Registration Policies and Standards](#), and
- [Midwifery in Manitoba](#).

MAINTAIN YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Members must maintain up-to-date contact information using the CMM Member Portal. Click the **Member Login** button found at the top right corner of the CMM website to log in and edit your profile information.

For assistance with password resets and to retrieve usernames, please email admin@midwives.mb.ca.

Additionally, please be reminded that Manitoba Health must be informed of changes in employment by emailing practitionerregistry@gov.mb.ca.

REGISTRANT'S HANDBOOK UPDATES

Upcoming Changes

The Standards Committee is currently reviewing and developing the following Standards, Guidelines and Policies and hopes to provide updated versions prior to March 31, 2021.

- Guideline on Discontinuing Care of a Client
- Policy on When Client Requests Care Outside Standards
- Standard on Providing Care to Related Persons
- Guideline on Providing Care to Clients with a High BMI
- Standard for Use of a Second Attendant
- Guideline on Water Immersion
- Standard on Informed Choice

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

CPR • NRP • ES • FHS

All the above certificates need to be current and provided to the CMM prior to renewal on March 31, 2021 or return to practice. Please ensure you plan ahead. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Quality Assurance Committee is making the following clarification regarding course requirements.

Required Annually

- NRP – full course required unless proof of cancelled course/requirement to self-isolate is provided. Proof of completion of online portion is required in all cases.

Required every two years

- CPR – online CPR courses will be accepted until further notice.
- Emergency Skills - full course required unless proof of cancelled course/requirement to self-isolate is provided. Proof of completion of online portion is required in all cases.
- FHS – completion of online course is required

Members who are not current may be denied renewal or return to practice, or have restrictions placed on their registration.

As a reminder, members should no longer submit their documentation via email or fax. Copies of your proof of completion can be attached directly to the renewal application.

Changes in Practice Status

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.



REGISTRANT'S HANDBOOK

