

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

COLLEGE OF PARAMEDICS OF MANITOBA CONTACT INFORMATION

We have set up an email address for you to contact us with any general inquiries you may have regarding the College of Paramedics of Manitoba.

This address is
info@collegeparamb.ca

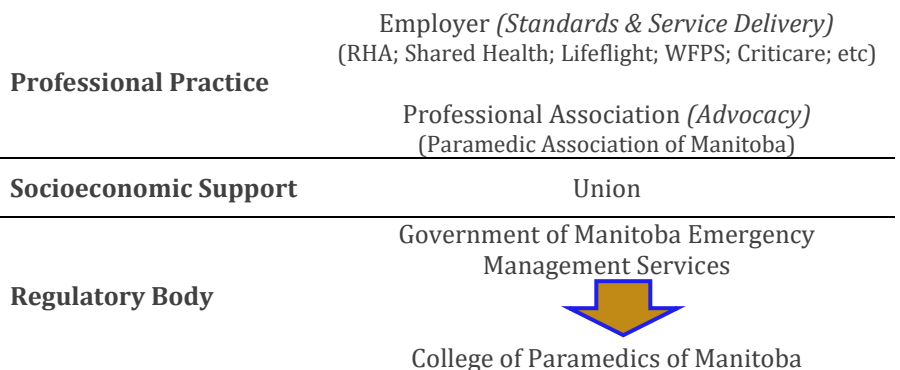


MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/REGISTRAR – TRISH BERGAL

Belated New Year's Greetings to All!! 2019 will be an exciting and busy year for the College of Paramedics of Manitoba! We are excited to begin a number of key activities that will guide our operational plan over the next calendar year. Our goal is to provide frequent and relevant communication that help all future members understand the work that will take place this next year. You will also see that as time progresses there are many opportunities for Paramedics to become involved in College activity, serving on a number of important committees that will be created. We hope you will seriously consider these opportunities and be part of an important part of the history of the College of Paramedics of Manitoba.

There is a tremendous amount of change occurring within the health care system in Manitoba. Sometimes the type of changes and the reasons for the changes can get confusing! We want to make sure that you understand the difference between the changes in the health care delivery system and the changes that will occur as part of the enactment of paramedic self-regulation.

A profession is strongest when complimentary pillars work collaboratively to elevate the practice of the profession. Literature refers to these pillars as:



As the College of Paramedics of Manitoba is established, we will work in partnership with key stakeholders from all pillars of professional practice.

This newsletter, and subsequent versions will help to explain WHY paramedics are being self-regulated; WHAT self-regulation means; WHEN self-regulation will happen; and HOW a self-regulatory college comes to be fully operational.

In this issue you will also find important contact information for the College. We have also set up an email address to contact us with any general inquiries you may have and will do our best to respond to your questions in a timely manner.

I wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to meeting you and working alongside you in a busy and productive 2019!



THE ROAD TO REGULATION

STEP ONE – UNDERSTANDING SELF-REGULATION

Health care professionals are regulated in order to protect the public interest. Those who seek the services of health care professionals are vulnerable and dependent on those whose services they rely on. The public needs to be assured that the individuals providing the service have current and relevant knowledge, skills and judgement to provide the intended services.

Governments have the responsibility to protect the public by regulating the way health care professionals are educated, registered to practice, and maintain ongoing competency. To provide this service to the public,

governments use a model of over-sight known as Self-Regulation. The government sets the requirements via legislation (the Regulated Health Professions Act in the Province of Manitoba) and via the Practice and General Regulations of the individual health professions. Government then empowers a regulatory body to govern their members in a manner that supports protection of the public and holds the profession accountable. Hence the members of the health care professional group are able to become actively involved in fulfilling the government mandate. This is considered to be a privilege provided by government and is one that is taken with the utmost regard by the individual health care professionals. If at any time, government feels that the regulatory body is not meeting the intended mandate, the ability to self-regulate can be suspended or revoked.

As we evolve as a regulatory College in the Province of Manitoba, it is this privilege of self-regulation which will be our guidepost. The overall value proposition of the College of Paramedics of Manitoba will be to:

Demonstrate our Value to the Public

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Website development is now underway!

More information will be communicated in our March / April newsletter

SNEAK PEEK OF THE COLLEGE LOGO!

While colors and fonts are still being finalized, here is a sneak peek of our College logo!



In March 2019, you will begin to see this logo on our correspondence

PARAMEDICINE ACROSS CANADA EXPO 2019

The College of Paramedics of Manitoba will be an exhibitor at the PACE Conference in September of 2019.

In addition to our exhibitor display, Trish Bergal will be participating in a Plenary Session on the topic of self-regulation.



NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are pleased to announce Christine Ewacha has been hired into the position of Coordinator – Regulatory Practices, effective March 11, 2019.

Christine's work experience includes over 20 years of experience working in EMS environments in rural Manitoba. Christine has been employed as an EMR; a PCP; a PCP-ICP; a Charge Medic; and an Operational Supervisor with Interlake-Eastern RHA EMS Services. She also has experience in education and private business.

Christine's main area of responsibility will be in supporting the registration, Continuing Competency and Professional Conduct functions of our college.

Welcome Christine!