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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/REGISTRAR – TRISH BERGAL

### Paramedics as Information Managers

The challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic to citizens and health professionals are unprecedented. At the same time, the rapid flow of information is profound: news reported in real time; statistical information analyzed and interpreted in real time; virtual meetings; online education and examinations; endless updating of resource information on employer websites; events live-streamed and television shows live-streamed on Zoom or Teams. Interestingly, lobbyists are calling for expanded internet service in Canada and for the internet to be managed as a public utility. These are just a few examples of the information explosion our world has encountered since January 2020.

As we transition regulators from the Manitoba Government to the College of Paramedics of Manitoba, managing information will be a key competency. The path to self-regulation has proceeded at staged and regular increments for several years. During the next several months the pace of change will increase and it is important that the public and Paramedics have the information they need.

Legislation and Regulation mandate the information that must be available to the public. In addition, the College is obligated to provide important information to the registrants of the College. The College website and Paramedic Portal will be foundational guideposts for Paramedics.

*It is important for Paramedics to check the College website weekly.* Email communication will be used as infrequently as possible. The source of truth for paramedics is at [www.collegeparamb.ca](http://www.collegeparamb.ca). Our new Facebook page has been launched and you can also find us on Twitter @collegeparaMB.

As health care professionals, please equip yourself with the knowledge and information to make this historical transition as seamless as possible. Our team prides itself in responding to any inquiries as rapidly as we can. Please contact the College at [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca) or by calling 204-793-3592.

## NEW STAFF MEMBER – WELCOME LEITH SAUNDERS!

Leith Saunders joined the College of Paramedics of Manitoba on June 1, 2020 as the Coordinator Quality and Standards.

Leith's work experience includes 31 years in EMS environments in rural Manitoba. Leith has held positions at both an EMR level (Volunteer) with Portage Ambulance Service and PCP/ICP level with Central Regional/Southern Health-Santé Sud Regional Health Authority. Leith has also taught in the RRC PCP Program since 2009, at both the Notre Dame and Portage la Prairie campuses. Leith is a former Board member with the Paramedic Association of Manitoba and has served on provincial and national paramedic exam committees.

In addition to Paramedic education and experience, Leith has a Master of Divinity and is an Ordained Minister in the United Church of Canada. Leith's diverse education and vast experience will be an asset as Paramedics become a self-regulated profession in Manitoba.

Leith can be contacted at [lisaunders@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:lisaunders@collegeparamb.ca) and at (431) 276-2700.

## WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED

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## Stock Images/Photographs

We hear informally that Manitoba Paramedics would like to see different stock images on our website or social media accounts. PAM (Paramedic Association of Manitoba) shared with the College images that were current and we have used them.

We are not able to take our own photographs without written permission from both employers and individual Paramedics and at this time, we simply do not have the human resources to dedicate to this initiative.

We have a plan in place to partner with Shared Health Manitoba in acquiring photos, following correct policy and procedure. Unfortunately, this plan has been delayed because of Covid 19. Please stay tuned!