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July 11, 2023

Acknowledgement of Service:

Warm weather is here, and it has already been extremely busy for paramedics and all emergency personnel. In addition to workforce shortages that have taxed resources and personnel, there has been a significant number of traumatic incidents resulting in fatalities. The College of Paramedics of Manitoba extends a word of gratitude to all paramedics and emergency personnel who provide care, comfort, extrication, transport, and establish a safe working environment under challenging circumstances and conditions. Thank you for your ongoing service, please take care of yourselves and one another.

Update on Program of Continuing Competency

It's here! The "New Plan" tab for the 2023-24 PCC is now in the registration portal. There are some changes to the process and new resources so please access the "PCC Instructions for Electronic Documentation 2023-24" found [here](#), a [supplement to the self-assessment](#) to enhance the self-assessment process, and a [flow chart timeline](#). Please access these resources before you initiate your 2023-24 PCC. Enjoy this year's learning! And as always if you cannot view the module or have any questions at all about PCC, please contact us at info@collegeparamb.ca

Are you engaged in Advanced Paramedic Education? Check out the new policy to potentially use your academic engagement toward your annual PCC requirements found [here](#).

Are you a new graduate? Working in a new paramedic environment? Looking for ideas for your 2023-24 PCC goals? Here are some ideas that might help you discern goals for the 2023-24 PCC:

- Look at your entry to practice exam scores – Is there an area with a lower score, that you can focus on for your PCC?
- Check out the suggestions in the revised [\(June 2023\) PCC Handbook](#) pg. 8-9.



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Professional Liability Insurance

Many registrants will have had their Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) expire since April 1, 2023. Please check to determine if yours has expired. If it has, please upload a new valid certificate of PLI into your registrant portal. It is a requirement under the College of Paramedics of Manitoba *General Regulation* s.3.12 that all registrants hold valid PLI, and your certificate of practice can be cancelled if you do not comply.

Executive Search – Executive Director/Registrar

A reminder that the search for the Executive Director/Registrar is underway. The job posting can be found at: <https://summitsearchgroup.com/job/executive-director-winnipeg-mb-w1111/>

If you have questions about the role and would like to discuss the position, please contact Trish Bergal at tbergal@collegeparamb.ca.

Highlights of Council Meeting June 21, 2023

The following items are examples of items that were approved by Council at the June 21, 2023, meeting:

- The newest version of Bylaws that will be circulated to registrants for feedback the second week in July
- The 2022-23 audited financial statements. These will be inserted into the annual report which will be published in the latter portion of July
- Practice Direction on Self-Disclosure
- Criticare, MESC, and Red River Polytechnic PCP programs were reapproved as they now meet the new PCP program approval criteria; WFPS ACP was reapproved as it now meets the new ACP program approval criteria

The next Council meeting will occur on the same day as the AGM, on September 27, 2023



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Probe Research Survey

The College received the survey results from Probe Research late in May. Council and College staff are now in the process of analyzing the results and updating the College's communication and engagement strategy for the 23/24 year. More information will be provided as this work unfolds.

Spotlight on Practice Direction on Documentation

The practice direction on documentation is found [here](#).

The College General Regulations specify legal expectations about documentation and this practice direction provides further specificity on how to apply the requirements in day-to-day practice. The College is aware that modes of documentation are changing across our healthcare system. The College is meeting with employers to ensure that documentation systems in place support regulated requirements.

Fundamentals of documentation are not something that should ever be compromised. If you would like to discuss the practice direction or want to work on case studies or examples, we can support you in those learning needs! Contact us at info@collegeparamb.ca.

EMS Station/Community Visits

Our Coordinators, Christine Ewacha and Leith Saunders, have been engaging registrants in their own communities/EMS stations over the past year. Their 2-hour interactive presentation is a great forum for clarification of college practices, requirements, and obligations. You are strongly encouraged to attend this presentation when in your area.

To date, presentations have been made to registrants and employers in the communities of Norway House, Cross Lake, Wabowden, Virden, Boissevain, Glenboro, Brandon, Dauphin, Roblin, Beausejour, Stonewall, Boundary Trails, Steinbach, WFPSOA, Vanguard Air, Shared Health Managers, as well as students at RRC Polytechnic, MESOC, and new recruits at WFPS.

Presentations to Thompson, Nelson House, Flin Flon, Swan River, and The Pas are planned for August. We will be arranging more presentations throughout the coming year, so if



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you are interested to learn when we may be in your area, please contact info@collegeparamb.ca.

We look forward to continuing our outreach and personal engagement with registrants!

College Website Refresh

Changes have been made to the look and feel of the College website, primarily on the Home page. We hope the changes help to find the information needed.

Computer Assistance?

If you require any assistance with navigating information on the College website or in your registrant portal, please contact the college at any time and we are happy to help.

We also have a computer available in the office that may be used by registrants at any time. This might be particularly beneficial to those who work in rural and remote regions of the province, with intermittent internet access. If you are wanting to use our space, please schedule an appointment by emailing us at info@collegeparamb.ca.

Photos Needed

Thank you to all the paramedics who have sent us photos to use on our website and in our Annual Report. It's not too late to send us a photo! If you have a scenic shot that shows the amazing beauty of our Manitoba landscape, and may or may not include EMS platforms, please send it to us at info@collegeparamb.ca. Please indicate your name so we can give you photo credit. We are sorry, without individual permission we are not able to accept photos of paramedics.

Are you a Gmail User?

If you are a Gmail user, please continue to learn the unique features found in the Gmail system, that unfortunately do result in lost emails. As you may have found out though, Gmail comes with many unique features for inbox management and that also leads to College emails easily becoming lost. There are many tutorials and here is one that might be helpful: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD7H4p_luvs



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Upcoming Dates

August 7, 2023 – Office closure, Terry Fox Day

September 4, 2023 – Office closure, Labour Day

CPMB Annual General Meeting (AGM) – September 27, 2023

September Council Meeting – September 27, 2023

October 9, 2023 – Office closure, Thanksgiving Day