

SASKATCHEWAN ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS
MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

Present: Ms. Susan Anholt (SDAA), Ms. Cindy Reed (SDTA), Ms. Kellie Watson (SDHA), Dr. Bernie White (CDSS).

1. COMPLAINTS

The Registrars of SDAA, SDHA and SDTA all indicated that they receive consumer complaints directed to dentists. They immediately refer the caller to the CDSS. They suggested that the callers have difficulties identifying the regulatory authority for dentists' due to the "College" identifier.

2. INFECTION CONTROL GUIDELINES

Ms. Anholt indicated that the SDAA, SDHA and SDTA has written to Dr. Todd Graham and copied the CDSS requesting reconsideration of the CDSS developing an independent infection control guideline. She indicated that to date there has been no response from the CDSS. She noted that the other organizations have continued with their review process. Dr. White indicated that he has Dr. Graham's draft and will share it with the other organizations. Dr. White requested a copy of the working committee document. Ms. Anholt indicated that it will be made available when completed.

3. CODE SILVER

Ms. Watson introduced the "Code Silver" draft poster. She noted that it was introduced by the Ministry of Health at the last NIRO meeting and it is a recommended procedure for an active assailant incident. There is a video available and the group agreed that the poster and video link could be posted on our respective websites for the information of our members. Ms. Anholt will email the Ministry of Health, Health Emergency Management Branch.

4. MEETINGS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Discussion occurred about the regularity of SOHP meetings. There was consensus that face to face meetings were helpful. It was noted that the SDTA Registrar has availability on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Ms. Watson suggested a face to face meeting in the spring and fall and a conference call in the winter.

5. PRACTICE REVIEWS

Ms. Watson asked if there was interest in a joint process for practice reviews. Ms. Anholt suggested that the SDAA would support this process but would recommend a rotating representative from SDAA, SDHA and SDTA along with the CDSS representative.

Dr. White noted that the reviews are going well under the direction of Shelley Voykin, a former dental assistant. He noted that they are not looking at the practice of the individuals and indicated that the review is low key and is very open to collaboration. The questionnaire is being revised by a committee.

6. CDSS PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, CLINIC FACILITIES STANDARD

A general discussion on the CDSS draft document occurred. Dr. White clarified the rationale behind some sections. Dr. White will circulate the most current document to participants. Dr. White indicates that the CDSS is open to collaboration and invited all organizations to submit comments.

7. SOHP CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Ms. Anholt expressed concern that the website used by the joint conference committee is still being used. She suggested that it should be taken down as it is misleading as well as unnecessary; noting that the College of Dentistry and College of Dental Surgeons have websites.

8. SOHP CONFERENCE

There was a general discussion regarding the dissolution of the joint conference committee. It was noted by both Ms. Watson and Dr. White that each of the groups have their own professional development events to which all professions are welcome. They have welcomed the speaker recommendations made by Ms. Reed (SDTA). It was noted that there were hurt feelings on both sides of the issue. Ms. Anholt apologized to Dr. White and the CDSS for any decisions that caused unintended offense. Dr. White accepted the apology.

Dr. White indicated that the dentists want an event that course content is specifically directed to dentists but that the team is encouraged to attend. There was also concern that the interests of the dentist were being minimized by the collaborative event.

Ms. Watson suggested that the oral health professions are a team and joint events are valuable

9. NEXT MEETING

No meeting date was set. Dr. White requested that the Restorative courses for dental hygienists be added to the next agenda.