

## **Professional Conduct Committee Report to the CDSS Spring Council Meeting (April 2022)**

The Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) continues to operate under the mandate of the Dental Disciplines Act.

The Professional Conduct Committee is a Statutory Committee required under the Dental Disciplines Act (The Act) Section 28(1), stating each association shall establish a Professional Conduct Committee. In addition, as required under The Act Section 15 (2) (f) (i) each association can make bylaws to prescribe procedures for the review, investigation and disposition of complaints by the PCC or the mediation of complaints alleging that a member is guilty of professional misconduct or professional incompetence.

The PCC includes Registrants of the CDSS as well as a member of the public. The Professional Conduct Committee receives tireless support and organization from Marion Lafreniere at the CDSS office in her role as Director of Professional Standards and Complaint Process.

The PCC continues to work closely with the Advertising Review Committee as well as the Quality Assurance Committee. The PCC relies on the expertise and analysis of both of these committees to aid in its decision making.

The PCC investigates and provides a written report on complaints that are made to the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan. Following the review of each case, the PCC will arrive at one of the three decisions:

- i) Request that the Discipline Committee hear and determine the formal complaint set out in the written report.
- ii) No further action is warranted on the facts of the case.
- iii) The matter will be resolved and no further action will be necessary after signing and meeting the requirements of a Consent to Conditions agreement.

The Professional Conduct Committee was informed by CDSS legal counsel in January that Dr. Hosseini's appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench was dismissed on all grounds. Her 30 day appeal period expired as well. As a result, the CDSS has moved forward with the implementation of the sentencing outlined by the Disciplines Committee. This included publishing all three relevant decision on the Public Side of the CDSS website as well as notifying all CDSS Registrants of this posting.

There will be an evaluation of the decision put forward by the Justice in the Court of Queen's Bench to see if any CDSS processes can be modified or improved. This will be conducted in conjunction with legal counsel.

The PCC, at the request of Dr. Zimmer, has started a draft policy for Communication to the Public and CDSS Registrants.

The PCC, ARC, and QAC are putting together presentations that will be offered as Continuing Education to the CDSS Registrants so that the members can better understand the role of these committees as well as the processes that they go through. We will also discuss common areas of concern that come up in complaints brought forward to the CDSS.

Thank you to all the members of the PCC who dedicate enormous amounts of their time, experience, and knowledge to help ensure that this vital role of the CDSS is executed.

Respectfully submitted,



The College of  
**Dental Surgeons**  
of Saskatchewan

Dr. Drew Krainyk, Chair