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CFPC Board of Directors Decisions/Directions and Impacts

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STRATEGIC THEME 1: PRODUCING FAMILY DOCTORS WHO MEET SOCIETAL NEEDS THROUGH A COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING COMPREHENSIVE CARE

Developing a new accreditation management system

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) will be collaborating with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Collège des médecins du Québec, and the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada to develop an Accreditation Management System (AMS). The new system will automate some of the essential features of ongoing review and accreditation of residency training programs across Canada and will facilitate a quality improvement and quality assurance process that will be continuous and ongoing. Developing a robust residency accreditation system is part of the CFPC's efforts to support the discipline of family medicine within the medical educational system.

ACCREDITATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

THAT the Board approve the CFPC entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Collège des médecins du Québec, and the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada regarding the collaborative development of an Accreditation Management System to automate the accreditation of Canadian medical education across the education continuum.

The CFPC's Accreditation Committee name change

Going forward, the CFPC's Accreditation Committee will be named the Residency Accreditation Committee. This clarification will serve to differentiate between the accreditation of residency training within academic family medicine and the accreditation of programs pertaining to continuing professional development.

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

THAT the CFPC "Accreditation Committee" become the CFPC "Residency Accreditation Committee."

Posthumous certification in family medicine

The CFPC Board approved granting posthumous certification on a compassionate basis after a careful review. A resident member died just short of completing his family medicine residency training. The certificate will be presented to family members.

POSTHUMOUS CERTIFICATION

THAT the CFPC grant posthumous certification on a compassionate basis for a resident member.

STRATEGIC THEME 3: ENGAGING MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THEIR PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

Supporting global family medicine through the World Organization of Family Doctors' (WONCA) Polaris

Over the next three years the CFPC will support the WONCA Polaris regional movement. The Polaris movement for new and future family physicians in North America supports medical students, residents, and new-in-practice family physicians and offers an opportunity to liaise and confer with international counterparts, share best practices, and participate in leadership opportunities.

The CFPC will continue to fund the attendance of one student from the Section of Medical Students, one resident from the Section of Residents, one physician from the First Five Years in Family Practice Committee, and one CFPC senior staff representative at the annual WONCA Polaris meeting. At the end of the three-year period an evaluation of the CFPC's participation and an overall assessment of the program will be conducted.

WONCA POLARIS

THAT the College supports the WONCA Polaris Movement for the next three years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/2020) by continuing to fund one Section of Medical Students (SOMS), one Section of Residents (SOR), one First Five Years in Family Practice (FFYFP) and one College senior staff representative to attend the annual WONCA Polaris executive meeting to lead this initiative;

FURTHER THAT annual Polaris updates be provided to the Board highlighting Polaris work to date and planned objectives to continue to meet its mandate;

FURTHER THAT at the end of the three-year period, an evaluation of CFPC's participation and an overall assessment of the program is completed by the CFPC participants with a full report provided to the Board for review and decision if continuing support will/should be provided to continue to fund this initiative.

STRATEGIC THEME 4: PROVIDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY TO MEET OUR STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The CFPC's Board of Directors

The call for interest for two 2017-18 Director-at-Large position vacancies will open on February 1st. The CFPC is looking for future Board Directors who possess the skills, experience, and values needed for the CFPC to continue to grow and succeed and to ensure the highest standards are met.

Members are invited to apply if they are interested in being considered for a Director-at-Large position. Information will be made available on the CFPC website.

NOVEMBER 2017 ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS

THAT the Board support the Nominating Committee's recommended nominee for the 2017-18 Secretary-Treasurer position and the attributes to highlight in the Call for Interest for two (2) Director-at-Large vacancies.

CFPC committee chair roles

Strong committee chairs help lead the work of CFPC committees and support the CFPC's overall efforts to meet CFPC's mandate.

The following chairs have been approved by the Board, and their respective terms will begin immediately.

Dr Lori Montgomery Chair, Chronic Pain Program Committee (2016 to 2019)

Dr Robert Boulay Chair-Elect, Nominating Committee (2017 to 2020)

CHAIR – CHRONIC PAIN PROGRAM COMMITTEE

THAT Dr Lori Montgomery of Calgary, Alberta be approved as Chair of the Chronic Pain Program Committee for a three-year term beginning effective immediately (November 2016) and ending at the time of the 2019 Annual Meeting, renewable once.

CHAIR-ELECT – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

THAT Dr Robert Boulay of South Nelson, New Brunswick be approved as Chair-Elect of the Nominating Committee effective immediately;

FURTHER THAT Dr Boulay become Chair at the time of the November 2017 Annual Meeting, for a three-year term, ending at the time of the 2020 Annual Meeting, renewable once.

STRATEGIC THEME 6: SEIZING ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD CAPACITY IN FAMILY MEDICINE RESEARCH

Supporting primary care research and quality improvement

Quality improvement (QI) promotes a commitment to ongoing improvements to the care family physicians provide, including quality, access, timeliness, and equity. Collecting and analyzing practice data helps family physicians understand the extent to which their care is continuous and comprehensive.

The CFPC's Research department will explore strategic partnerships, find existing work that could be adapted/adopted, and recommend next steps for engaging members in QI and research as part of the scholarly role of physicians.

The College is also exploring the concept of a Primary Health Care Research Collaborative, similar to a centre. The role of this research collaborative will be to work with partners—including primary care research colleagues across the country—to maximize research initiatives.

PAN-CANADIAN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI) AND RESEARCH INITIATIVE

THAT the Board approve planning work between January and May 2017 to explore three elements: a *QI Ready and Active Practices* program; a *Research Ready Practices* program; and a *Primary Health Care (PHC) Research Collaborative*;

FURTHER THAT this occur within the 2016/17 operating budget.

The CFPC's associate member application process

The CFPC will revise the associate member application requirements. Current associate members will be permitted to act as a referee when non-physician primary care researchers and educators wish to join the CFPC as associate members. Associate members are other health professionals who work in collaboration with family physicians in clinical practice or academic departments of family medicine.

ROLE OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AS REFEREES

THAT CFPC current Associate Members be permitted to act as a referee when non-physician primary care researchers and educators wish to join the CFPC as Associate Members.

STRATEGIC THEME 7: INFLUENCING THE HEALTH POLICY ENVIRONMENT TO PROMOTE HIGH QUALITY CARE IN FAMILY PRACTICE

The CFPC's position statement on prison health

The CFPC advocates for improved health conditions for inmates in Canadian correctional facilities. The CFPC advocates for the elimination of solitary confinement and for best health outcomes for all inmates across Canada. The Board has approved the policy statement as developed by the CFPC's Prison Health Committee.

SEGREGATION IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

THAT the CFPC adopt the policy statement of the Prison Health Committee regarding the use of segregation in correctional facilities;

FURTHER THAT the CFPC disseminate these recommendations via CFPC channels.

Please feel free to contact us at dwhite@cfpc.ca or flemire@cfpc.ca, or contact Sarah Scott, Director of Governance and Strategic Planning, at sscott@cfpc.ca if you have any questions.

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