Meeting of the Council

September 23, 2005

Present:

President and District 5 Councillor Rita Thomson, District 1 Councillor Wayne Rubner, District 2 Councillor Amin Bardai, District 3 Councillor Howard Rose, District 4 Councillor Erica Gregory, District 6 Councillor John Hope, District 7 Councillor Carol Gee, Government Appointees Jo Ann Groves, Michael MacDougall and Peter Rubin.

Absent (with notice):

Government Appointee Marina Ma and Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean Robert Sindelar.

Staff (at various times):

Registrar Marshall Moleschi and Deputy Registrar Brenda Osmond.

Guests (at various times):

Rosey Brenan, President, Rodon Communications; Janice Moshenko, Director, and Sheryl Peterson, Assistant Director, Division of Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development, UBC and Marnie Mitchell, CEO, BC Pharmacy Association.

CALL TO ORDER

President Thomson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

She noted the College mission statement:

To ensure British Columbia pharmacists provide safe and effective pharmacy care to help people achieve better health.

AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

The following agenda items were added:

- Technician verification in a community: setting 5.03
- Chair, Hospital Pharmacy Committee: 9.02

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the June 17, 2005 Council meeting and July 12, 2005 Council teleconference meeting were approved by-consensus.

OUTCOME DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Community Outreach Project

Councillors de-briefed on the community outreach presentations completed to date and discussed plans for future presentations.

Compounding Standards for Pharmacists

Registrar Moleschi informed Councillors that new federal guidance would be forthcoming in the fall, and that NAPRA would review the draft Guidelines to Pharmacy Compounding to ensure consistency with federal direction. NAPRA Board of Directors' approval will not be finalized until November 2005. This will be brought forward to the agenda for the November council meeting.

Pharmacy Loyalty Points Programs

At its April 2005 meeting, Council agreed that pharmacists and prescribers could be counted on as professionals who would not provide inappropriate pharmacy services or prescription authorizations based solely on a patient's desire to accumulate loyalty points.

Since then, the College has received several complaints from pharmacists who are still concerned about loyalty programs and other inducements for prescriptions. Registrar Moleschi informed Councillors that current legislation does not give the College authority to prevent loyalty programs. Council reiterated its position that it is unethical for a pharmacist to encourage a patient to go without medication in order to gain from a loyalty program. Pharmacists are responsible for working with patients to make sure they do not compromise their health to benefit from loyalty programs.

Methamphetamine Precursors

The Deputy Registrar updated Council on recent developments regarding methamphetamine precursors.

Deputy Registrar, Dr. Osmond, participated in a conference call with staff from the provincial Ministry of Health, the Solicitor General's office and the Attorney General's office of the four western provinces to consider options for drug schedule changes, and to assist the government staff in preparing recommendations for October 1st.

Council agreed to support the monitoring of the sale of over the counter preparations that may be used as a source of methamphetamine precursors. However, until there is clear evidence that consumer packaged products are being used to manufacture methamphetamine, Council recommends that scheduling remains unchanged.

Home Delivery of Methadone

Deputy Registrar Brenda Osmond informed Council of concerns expressed about home delivery of methadone. Some pharmacists deliver methadone to patient's homes and witness their daily ingestion of methadone.

There are advantages and disadvantages to this practice, disadvantages include the fact that this practice is in conflict with some of the goals of the methadone maintenance treatment program which include helping patients establish daily routines, providing an incentive for patients to reduce or discontinue the use of other opioids and earn the right to take home doses of methadone and encouraging patients to take responsibility for and actively participate in their recovery and maintenance. Advantages include the fact that this practice allows for the unique needs of certain patient populations to be met. It can also assist patients who need to attend a pharmacy in the morning before beginning work, and it helps avoid congregation and loitering of patients around a pharmacy.

In July 2005, we wrote to the approximately 400 pharmacies that dispense methadone to inform them of the issue, and ask their input into possible solutions. We received 67 written responses.

- 40 respondents suggested that deliveries should only be allowed for exceptional situations
- pharmacies that have made methadone home delivery a focus of their practice urge that no changes be made to the
 current system and that they be allowed to continue their practice as they have over the past years

Councillors recognized that methadone home delivery can offer additional opportunities for pharmacists and patients to interact and may make it easier to meet the individual needs of patients. Councillors also recognized that methadone home delivery, in some cases, interfere with patient treatment goals. It is up to the pharmacist and patient to decide when home delivery is needed.

NEW POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Telepharmacy

Councillor John Hope informed Council that there have been several inquiries requesting information about how to set-up telepharmacy services in BC. Several of the state boards of pharmacy in the USA have addressed this format of pharmacy service.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves by consensus the proposed telepharmacy policy attached as **Appendix 1**.

Technician checking Technician

John Hope presented a proposal for pharmacy technicians checking pharmacy technicians in a community pharmacy setting. Detailed policies and procedures were contained in the presentation to guide and support pharmacy technicians in the verification process

It was moved, seconded, carried:

Council approve s this proposal as a pilot project with a review by the pharmacy in 6 months.

Expanded Role of the Pharmacy Technician in Hospital Practice

The Hospital Pharmacy Committee has been examining the expanded role of the pharmacy technician in hospital practice during the

past two years. The committee met with pharmacists and pharmacy technicians throughout the Province to examine daily activities, in all practice settings, to identify functions that could be passed on to pharmacy technicians to allow pharmacists to fulfill their

clinical role, while maintaining safe and effective pharmacy care.

Discussion focused on the accreditation of pharmacy technician education organizations and the certification and registration of

pharmacy technicians. The Ontario College of Pharmacists is moving to register pharmacy technicians. In Alberta, pharmacy

technicians are moving to establish their own College.

By consensus, the councillors supported the concept of the certicication of pharmacy technicians and feel that the College of

Pharmacists of BC should be involved. Council directed registrar Moleschi to develop a discussion paper describing the current

situation across Canada and models that could be applicable in BC.

MONITORING ACTIVITIES

Registrar's Executive Report

Registrar Moleschi provided monitoring reports and updates on the following topics:

Stakeholder Relations

Activities and events relating to stakeholder relations were provided for the information of the Councillors.

Practice Standards: General

Activities and events relating to practice standards: general were provided for the information of the Councillors.

Practice Standards: Professional Development and Assessment Program

Activities and events relating to practice standards: Professional Development and Assessment Program were provided for the

information of the Councillors.

Professionalism

Various activities relating to the promotion of professionalism were reported.

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Pharmacist Empowerment and Autonomy

Activities and events relating to pharmacist empowerment and autonomy were provided for the information of the Councillors.

Organizational Operation

The Registrar reported full compliance with requirements of Policy DO-10.

Involving Pharmacists in Key Initiatives

Various activities relating to the involvement of pharmacists in key initiatives were reported.

Financial Health: College

The Registrar provided a report, as of Aug.31, 2005, comparing the actual financial position to budget. The Registrar reported his compliance with the requirements of Policy EC-3.

Office Operations: Retention of Records

The Registrar reported his compliance with the requirements of Policy EC-9a.

Relationship with the Public and other Key Stakeholders

Councillors' activities relating to outreach to the public and other key stakeholders were summarized.

Tobacco-Free Pharmacies

Events related to the Council's tobacco-free pharmacy initiative were reported.

Financial Strategy

Council reviewed the proposed budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year. The Registrar highlighted the revenue and expenditure categories, linking them to the Council's desired outcome statements.

It was moved, seconded and defeated:

Council approves a 0% increase budget.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves the budget as proposed (attached as **Appendix 2**).

Council agreed by consensus to have a strategic planning session attached to the January Council meeting.

NONPOLICY DECISIONS

Awards

Council considered a number of award recommendations proposed by Registrar Moleschi and Councillor Mike MacDougall.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves the following award recipients:

Excellence in Practice Awards

Five Star Pharmacist Donna Ratcliff

Award of Excellence in Community Pharmacy Practice Mona Kwong

Award of Excellence in Hospital Pharmacy Practice Dana Cole

Award of Excellence in Long-term Care Pharmacy Practice Paul Polachek & Brigita-Ann Wilkinson

Volunteer Honour Roll

Gold Certificate Peter Cook

Silver Certificate 38 volunteers (attached as **Appendix 3**)

Bronze Certificate 122 volunteers (attached as **Appendix 4**)

Honourary Registrant of the College of Pharmacists of BC Linda Lytle

CONSENT ITEMS

Drug Schedules Regulation Amendments

Schering Canada received a Notice of Compliance for the use of buprenorphine in Canada for the indication of the treatment of opioid dependency. In order to ensure that buprenorphine is subject to the same regulation as are other opioids in BC and to restrict the use of buprenorphine to physicians who have training and experience in the treatment of opioid dependency, it was recommended that buprenorphine be added to the Controlled Prescription Program.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves the recommended amendment to the *Drug Schedules Regulation* as follows:

Add:

1A Buprenorphine

Committees

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves the following amendment to Council Committee Appointments:

The reappointment of Dianne Kapty as Chair of the Hospital Pharmacy Committee

Meeting Assessment

Councillors completed the Council Meeting Assessment form. President Thomson will compile the data and report the results at the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

"Telepharmacy" is the provision of pharmacy services to underserved populations at a remote site that is staffed by a pharmacy technician with access to the central pharmacy and registered pharmacists by computer, broadband video, and audio link. If broadband video access is not available then the use of digital images and telecommunication links are an acceptable alternative.

- 1. Telepharmacy prescription processing can only occur in licensed pharmacies.
- 2. An application for establishing a telepharmacy operation shall be made in writing to the Registrar no less than 60 days prior to opening the telepharmacy. Prior to opening a telepharmacy site there shall be a site visit by the College to both the remote site and the central site to ensure that minimum standards are met including security, space, fixtures, sanitation and technical equipment, including the audio, video and data link to the central pharmacy. (Community Practice sites: see Bylaw 28, 30. Hospital Practice sites: see Bylaw 72, 73).
- 3. The remote site is considered to be under the supervision of the pharmacist at the central pharmacy. A pharmacist at the central pharmacy must approve each prescription before it leaves the remote site.
- 4. The pharmacy technician at the remote site is responsible for receiving and processing the prescription. All patient questions regarding drug therapy or questions regarding over-the-counter products shall be answered by a pharmacist at the central site.
- 5. The pharmacist at the central site must assess the appropriateness of the prescription. Using video and audio link, the pharmacist is responsible for the final check of the prescription this includes review of the label, compare the stock bottle, drug dispensed and strength.
- 6. Counselling must be done by the pharmacist via video and audio link. The pharmacist must counsel the patient or the patient's agent on all new prescriptions and refill prescriptions. (Pharmacist/Patient Dialogue, see Bylaw 44). If broadband video and audio link is not available, patient counselling may be done by telephone. Written information may be provided to reinforce oral communication but is not sufficient alone. A contingency contact telephone number must be provided in the event the patient needs to contact the pharmacist at a later time.
- 7. There must be policies and procedures in place to ensure the safe and effective distribution of pharmaceutical products and delivery of the required pharmaceutical care including:
 - the process for discussing drug related problems with the prescriber.
 - the management of prescription transfers, both into the remote site and out to another pharmacy.
 - the management of over-the-counter drugs.
 - the procedure for extemporaneous compounding of prescriptions.
 - the procedure for supplying compliance packaging.
 - the contingency plan in the event of an interruption in data, video, or audio link to the central pharmacy.
 - the contingency plan to ensure continuous pharmacy service is available in the event that either or both the pharmacy technician/pharmacist
 are unavailable for work on short notice.
 - the maintenance of patient privacy and confidentiality during all communication with the patient.
- 8. There must be an ongoing review of incident reports and outcomes, with appropriate corrective action taken when necessary, to ensure there is no change in frequency of errors in dispensing drugs or devices.
- 9. A telepharmacy site may not remain open for business and no prescriptions shall be dispensed if an interruption in data, video or audio link occurs or if the pharmacy technician is not on duty at the remote site or the pharmacist is not on duty at the central site.
- 10. A patient record must be prepared and maintained for each patient for whom a drug is dispensed. Prescriptions dispensed at the remote site must be distinguishable from those dispensed at the central site including a unique label with a unique identifier in the prescription data base.
- 11. Each person involved in dispensing a drug must sign, initial or otherwise identify him-or herself on the prescription.

First approved: 23 Sep 05 Revised: Reaffirmed:

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College of Pharmacists B.C. 2006-07 PROPOSED BUDGET	2005-06	2006-07
REVENUE		
Registration and license fees Pharmacy fee (from \$1025 to \$1060: \$35 increase) Pharmacist fee (from \$575 to \$595: \$20 increase)	3,179,850	3,283,901
College Place Joint Venture (includes cash investment)	140,000	140,000
Other revenue	393,450	302,000
TOTAL REVENUE	3,713,300	3,725,901
EXPENSES Council Income replacement (5 one-day meetings and AGM) Travel and accommodation	48,000	48,000
Committee Income replacement (selective) Travel (selective) and light meals	17,650	25,650
Other council costs Election scrutineers, graduation banquet, etc	5,000	6,000
Other professional activities (Highlights - not all inclusive) Annual general meeting BC Pharmacy Conference, CPhA Conference NAPRA (\$56 per capita), meetings Seminars, workshops and conferences Miscellaneous travel and meetings	254,325	296,500
Pharmacy services reviews Travel, accommodation, laboratory tests	45,982	45,982
PharmaNet Travel, administration, legal	5,880	5,880
Inquiry/discipline	30,000	25,000

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Registration	12,865	30,000
Jurisprudence exams, Internship,	•	,
Professional development and assessment program	215,945	200,765
(Highlights - not all inclusive)		·
Board of Examiners		
Framework of Professional Practice		
Learning and Practice Portfolio		
Knowledge Assessment		
Education	297,800	307,300
(Highlights - not all inclusive)	·	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Scholarships and awards		
Continuing Pharmacy Education grant		
Community Pharmacy Residency Program grant		
Medication Information of BC		
Bulletin		
General and administration	2,779,853	2,734,824
(Highlights - not all inclusive)		
Salaries and benefits		
Legal and audit		
Printing, supplies, postage, delivery		
Equipment rental and maintenance		
Staff development		

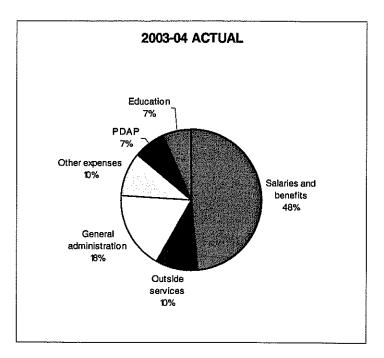
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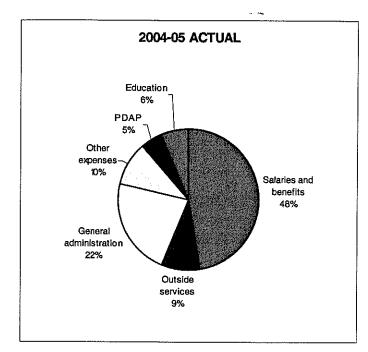
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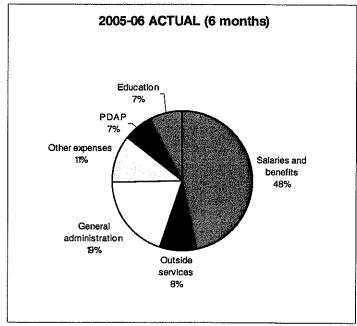
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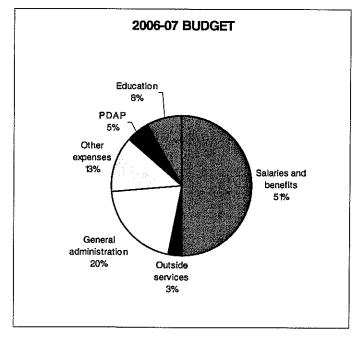
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	2005-06	YTD	YTD		
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
	12 mths	6 mths	6 mths		
REVENUE					
License and registration fees					
Pharmacy	1,008,600	504,300	408,706	95,594	19%
Pharmacist	2,156,250	1,078,125	952,432	125,693	12%
Other revenue	408,450	204,225	514,233	-310,008	-152%
College Place JV and investment interest	140,000	70,000	62,567	7,433	11%
	3,713,300	1,856,650	1,937,938	-81,288	
EXPENSES					
Council	48,000	24,000	18,262	5,738	24%
Other council	5,000	2,500	4,003	-1,503	-60%
Committee	17,650	8,825	2,586	6,239	71%
Other professional activities	254,325	127,163	145,671	-18,509	-15%
Pharmacy service reviews	45,982	22,991	14,186	8,805	38%
PharmaNet	5,880	2,940	8,844	-5,904	-201%
Inquiry and discipline	30,000	15,000	16,891	-1,891	-13%
Registration	12,865	6,433	5,512	921	14%
Prof. development and assessment (PDAP)	215,945	107,973	138,961	-30,989	-29%
Education	297,800	148,900	143,207	5,693	4%
General administration	2,779,853	1,389,927	1,441,101	-51,175	-4%
	3,713,300	1,856,650	1,939,224	-82,574	
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	0	0	-1,286	1,286	

Volunteer Honour Roll Silver

First Name	Last Name
Beena	Abraham
Cheryl	Bishop
Linda	Bryan
Sharon	Carleton
Connie	Chung
Gordon	Clough
William	Creighton
Edmund	Goldberg
Erica	Gregory
Richard	Hawksley
Colin	Holyk
John	Норе
Tania	Jarzebiak
Melanie	Johnson
Veronica	Kagetsu
Anwer	Kamal
Jack	Lee
Kelvin	Lee
Christine	Liotta
Miguel	Lopez-Dee
Maike	Lorenzen
Mona	Louie
Alan	Low
Wendy	Mays
Norris	Nevins
Jing-Yi	Ng
Balraj	Phagoora
Peter	Rubin
Jasvinder	Sandhu
Kulvinder	Sangha
Angela	Ser
Robert	Seymour
Barbara	Thompson
Maria	Ton
Anar	Virji
Tinka	VonKeyserlingk
Elaine	Wong
Samantha	Wong

Volunteer Honour Roll Bronze

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First Name	Last Name
Frank	Archer
Gregory	Atherton
Amin	Bardai
Grace	Barrington- Foote
Heather	Baxter
Kyla	Bertschi
Mohamed	Bhatti
Neemet	Bhimji
Glen	Brown
Robert	Caravan
Julia	Chan
Wayne	Chen
Caroline	Chin
Agatha	Ching
Dana	Cole
Mark	Collins
Sherry	Coutts
Jody	Croft
Megan	Cross
Salma	Damji
Gianni	DelNegro
Neeta	Desai
Catherine	Dobbin
Gordon	Eddy
Cameron	Egli
Maria	Finamore
Gregory	Fong
Kenneth	Foreman
Susy	Fung
Carol	Gee
Sylvia	Ghoshal
Jo Ann	Groves
Carol	Hansen
Melissa	Haynes
Elaine	Но
Cindy	Но
Martin	Hyde
Afshin	Jaberi
Joe	Jacob
Allen	Jang
Raymond	Jay
Tamiz	Kanji
Dianne	Kapty
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Rosemin	Kassam	
Lorna	Kroll	
Marylene	Kyriazis	
Wendy	Leong	
Shallen	Letwin	
Ada	Leung	
Berny	Leung	
Peter	Levis	
Stephen	Liang	
Anita	Lo	
Gabrielle	Lo	
Joanne	Logie	
Sam	Louie	
Edward	Lum	
Marina	Ma	
Alison	MacDonald	
Judith	MacDonald	
Michael	MacDougall	
Henry	Mah	
Lorrie	Mann	
Robin	Manweiler	
Edmond	Margawang	
Shadi	Mash-Hadi Sharif	
Gillian	Mayo	
Kenneth	McCartney	
Keith	McDonald	
Patricia	McFadyen	
Kenneth	McGregor	
Kathryn	McInnes	
Kenneth	McLay	
Mohamed	Merali	
Hesham	Metwaly	
Bruce	Millin	
Janet	Morris	
Linda	Morris	
Janice	Moshenko	
Janice	Munroe	
Betty	Nielson	
Shelley	Novak	
Brenda	O'Leary	
Marion	Pearson	
Kevin	Peters	
Melva	Peters	
Paul	Polachek	
Laura-Lynn	Pollock	
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Wayne	Rubner
Gurinder	Saran
Glen	Schoepp
John	Shaske
Gregory	Shepherd
Jack	Silva
Robert	Sindelar
Diana	Smedstad
Reginald	Smith
Barbara	Stipp
Pamela	Sue
Rubina	Sunderji
Peggy	Tam
Adeline	Tan
Suzanne	Taylor
Rita	Thomson
Tammie	Toriglia
Susan	Troesch
Thomas	Tse
Paul	Vance
Janet	Vanyo
Marguerite	Yee
Amparo	Yen
Lindsay	Zakkour
Cameron	Zaremba

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