

Minutes

Open Session

Board Meeting

DATE:	September 26, 2024
KNOWLEDGE CARRIER:	Syexwáliya
ATTENDEES:	Tanya Momtazian (Chair); Rick Turner (Vice-Chair); Leisa Belanger; Jenny Damstrom; Ashley Gueret; Tiffany Sayers; Sangeeta Subramanian
REGRETS:	Pinder Cheema; Janene Erickson; Rose Melnyk
STAFF:	Cynthia Johansen; Louise Aerts; Christine Penney; Katherine Graham; Daniel Laflèche; Dave Bhauruth; Joyce Lam; Rebekah Smith; Janice Penner; Harjit Dhesi; Laura Finkler-Kemeny; Darlene Secong; Monica Redekopp; Jenny Cheung; Rosanna Gonzalez Paredes

Approval of Open Consent Agenda

No conflicts of interest were declared.

The Board approved the consent agenda for the open session:

- a) The minutes for the open session of the Board meeting held on June 27, 2024 were approved.
- b) **WHEREAS** the Professional Practice and Standards Committee (the “Committee”) has reviewed the proposed rescinding of the *Standards for Delegating to Registered Nurses* set out in Appendix A of the Board Briefing Note dated August 22, 2024 (the “Briefing Note”), and the proposed rescinding of the delegation agreement with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC regarding *Activities Approved for Delegation to Registered Nurses* set out in Appendix B of the Briefing Note, and the Committee has recommended that the BCCNM Board rescind the standards and delegation agreement;

AND WHEREAS the BCCNM Board has considered the proposed rescinding of the standards and delegation agreement and accepts the Committee’s recommendation;

RESOLVED that the BCCNM Board rescinds the *Standards for Delegating to Registered Nurses* (Appendix A);

FURTHER RESOLVED that the BCCNM Board rescinds the delegation agreement with the College of Physician and Surgeons of British Columbia set out in *Activities Approved for Delegation to Registered Nurses* (Appendix B);

FURTHER RESOLVED that these changes come into effect immediately upon approval by the BCCNM Board.

CARRIED

- c) **WHEREAS** the 2025 Board Calendar will schedule the first board meeting of the year in February instead of January;

RESOLVED that terms of office for existing committee members, committee chairs, and committee vice-chairs be extended by one month, from the current expiry date of January 31 to a new expiry date of February 28;

FURTHER RESOLVED this change affects all committee members with terms of office ending on January 31, 2025, January 31, 2026, and January 31, 2027.

CARRIED

- d) **RESOLVED** that the Annual General Meeting will take place at 9:30am PST on Wednesday, November 27, 2024;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board exercises its discretion under section 57(3) of the BCCNM Bylaws to hold the Annual General Meeting by webcast and teleconference and will specify this as the meeting format in its formal notice of a general meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the procedural rules drafted for the Annual General Meeting, as presented to the Board at its meeting on September 26, 2024.

CARRIED

- e) The Board received a report on current operational activities.

2024 Financial Updates

The Board received an update on the college's financial position since the last board meeting.

Annual Board Financial Policy Review

The Board was informed the annual review of all financial policies had been completed by the Finance and Audit Committee, which was recommending one minor amendment to the provisions relating to meal allowances for out-of-Canada travel in the *Board and Committee Member Compensation and Expense Reimbursement* policy.

A new procurement policy, developed in partnership with Indigenous consultants, was also introduced by the Finance and Audit Committee, for the Board’s review and approval.

RESOLVED that the Board approves the new BCCNM *Procurement Policy*, as presented to the Board in Appendix A to the briefing note dated September 17, 2024 (‘the briefing note’), and provides direction to amend the existing *Transaction-Level Financial Controls* policy to align with the provisions of the new policy;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the changes made to the *Board and Committee Member Compensation and Expense Reimbursement* Policy, as presented in Appendix C to the briefing note.

CARRIED

Registered Midwives Specialized Practice Certification Framework for Vacuum-Assisted Emergency Delivery

The Board was asked to consider a new certification framework developed to support midwives to safely and competently perform a vacuum-assisted emergency delivery of a baby.

WHEREAS the Education Program Review Committee and the Professional Practice and Standards Committee (the “Committees”) and Registration and Quality Assurance Program staff (the “staff”) have reviewed the proposed *Framework for Midwife Certification for Vacuum-assisted Emergency Delivery* set out in Appendix A of the Board Briefing Note dated September 17, 2024 and prepared for the September 26, 2024 BCCNM Board meeting (the “Briefing Note”), and the Committees and staff have recommended the *Framework for Midwife Certification for Vacuum-assisted Emergency Delivery* to the BCCNM Board for approval;

AND WHEREAS the BCCNM Board has considered the *Framework for Midwife Certification for Vacuum-assisted Emergency Delivery* and accepts the recommendation of the Committees and staff;

RESOLVED that the BCCNM Board rescinds the previously established *Framework for Midwife Certification for Emergency Vacuum-Assisted Birth*, and in its place approves the *Framework for Midwife Certification for Vacuum-assisted Emergency Delivery* set out in Appendix A of the Briefing Note;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the *Framework for Midwife Certification for Vacuum-assisted Emergency Delivery* set out in Appendix A of the Briefing Note is in effect 30 days after approval by the BCCNM Board.

CARRIED

Registered Midwives *Screening and Diagnostic Tests & Imaging: Standards, Limits, and Conditions*

The Board was asked to consider new standards, limits, and conditions for midwives performing activities or providing services involving screening and diagnostic tests and imaging, to replace the current standards, reported to be restrictive and outdated.

WHEREAS the Midwifery Panel of the Professional Practice and Standards Committee (the “Committee”) has reviewed the *Registered Midwives Ordering and Interpreting Screening and Diagnostic Tests: Standards, Limits and Conditions* as set out in Appendix A of the Board Briefing Note dated September 17, 2024, and prepared for the September 26, 2024, BCCNM Board meeting (the “Briefing Note”), and the proposed *Registered Midwives Screening and Diagnostic Tests & Imaging: Standards, Limits and Conditions* as set out in Appendix B of the Briefing Note, and the Committee has recommended those revised standards, limits and conditions to the BCCNM Board for approval;

AND WHEREAS the BCCNM Board has considered those proposed revised midwives screening and diagnostic tests and imaging standards, limits and conditions, and accepts the Committee’s recommendation;

RESOLVED that the BCCNM Board rescinds the previously established *Registered Midwives Ordering and Interpreting Screening and Diagnostic Tests: Standards, Limits and Conditions* as set out in Appendix A and in its place approves the *Registered Midwives Screening and Diagnostic Tests & Imaging: Standards, Limits and Conditions*, as set out in Appendix B;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the *Registered Midwives Screening and Diagnostic Tests & Imaging: Standards, Limits and Conditions* as set out in Appendix B, will be in effect in 30 days.

CARRIED

New Practice Standard for Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses: *Screening and Diagnostic Tests & Imaging*

The Board was asked to consider a new practice standard outlining the accountabilities and expectations for registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses when performing activities related to screening and diagnostic tests and imaging.

WHEREAS the Professional Practice and Standards Committee LPN, RN, RPN Panel (the “Committee”) has reviewed the standards in the *Screening and Diagnostic Tests & Imaging* practice standard for Registered Nurses (RN) and Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPN) as set out in Appendix A of the Board Briefing Note dated September 17, 2024, and prepared for the September 26, 2024, Board meeting (the “Briefing Note”), and the Committee has recommended the standards to the BCCNM Board for approval;

AND WHEREAS the BCCNM Board has considered the proposed standards in the RN and RPN *Screening and Diagnostic Tests & Imaging* practice standard, and accepts the Committee’s recommendation;

RESOLVED that the BCCNM Board approves the standards in the *Screening and Diagnostic Tests & Imaging* practice standard as set out in Appendix A of the Briefing Note;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the RN and RPN *Screening and Diagnostic Tests & Imaging* practice standard as set out in Appendix A are in effect 60 days after Board approval.

CARRIED

[End of open session]

