

– MRCNS Quarterly Council Meeting –
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 09, 2024; 11:00am-1:00pm AST
ONLINE – IN-CAMERA

MRCNS Council Members in Attendance:

T. Pickart RM, Chair	A. Houstoun MD
T. Crawford RN, Vice-Chair	P. Anderson
K. Wallace, Treasurer	

Regrets:

Staff in Attendance:

J. Wright, Registrar/ED
J. Neil, Executive Assistant

0. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions (no attachment) (T.Pickart)

The meeting was called to order by T.Pickart, at 11:01 am AST.

In Camera**

This is a special meeting to address provincial legislation that will have a significant impact on the Council's operations. The agenda and minutes will remain in-camera until the council decides otherwise.

1. Approval of Agenda (ATCH 1) (T.Pickart)

P. Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: P. Anderson **Seconded by:** A.Houstoun

No objections. **Approved.**

2. Approval of Nov 30, 2023 MRCNS Council Meeting Minutes (ATCH 2) (T.Pickart)

Members reviewed the minutes from the November 2023 Quarterly Council meeting.

A.Houstoun made a motion to approve the minutes. T.Crawford supported, with amendments regarding specifying who the CMRC Apology letter was directed to (the Indigenous Community). All edits were made in-session. The letter will be referred to for guidance during Strategic Planning.

Moved by: A.Houstoun **Seconded by:** T.Crawford

No objections. **Approved.**

3. Correspondence (T. Pickart / J.Wright)

- (a) Correspondence from Kim Barrow (DHW) was presented to the Council which informed the Council that MRCNS has been scheduled in Phase 3 for migration - summer of 2026.
- (b) Holding Statements for MRCNS and NSCN regarding the directive to amalgamate were presented for Council's review. The holding statements outline messaging for both colleges should information regarding the directive be made known prior to readiness.
- (c) General Regulation Consultation
 - J.Wright presented the general regulation consultation document to the Council which outlined the issues the Council would like to see addressed in the new *Regulations*. J.Wright worked with Matt Lafond on this project.
 - T.Crawford raised the concern that due to the small membership of the MRCNS there may in fact be a conflict of interest regarding midwifery representation on panels and/or statutory committees. The Council as a whole agreed this is a valid concern.

Action: Jenny to update the consultation document to reflect this concern prior to submitting it to the DHW by the January 19th deadline.

4. Debrief

T.Pickart led a discussion outlining the information session led by Mark Lucas of the DHW on Dec 13, 2023 highlighting regulatory the changes outlined in the new *Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)*.

On Dec 14, 2023 the Chair T.Pickart, Vice Chair T.Crawford and R/ED J.Wright attended a pre-scheduled meeting with Mark Lucas regarding the RHPA and to assess which phase (timeline) for migration the MRCNS would be placed in. At this meeting Mark Lucas informed the Council of the directive to amalgamate with the NSCN by the Minister of Health.

T.Pickart mentioned the need for a plan to ensure sustainable board composition.

The current board is now composed of 5 people. Some Board members are close to the end of their term and/or will no longer meet the criteria to hold a board position. The boards and appointments process has been stalled appointing board members and the need for a full complement on the board is crucial at this time.

Action: J.Wright will reach out to Mark Lucas (DHW) regarding issues with sustainable board composition.

5. Scope of Practice - Current vs Draft (J.Wright)

J. Wright presented the Council with a draft scope of practice for review.

The revised scope of practice is a shift from the current practice of listing categories and activities that midwives can and can not do as part of their practice to a competency based scope of practice.

The Board reviewed/discussed and shared their concern that the scope may not be Midwifery specific enough to differentiate midwives from other healthcare professions and requested additional midwifery specific language and competencies be included in the scope - for example, - home birth.

Action: J.Wright to incorporate feedback from the board and present revised scope at the next meeting.

– Tabled for next meeting –

6. Regulations (J.Wright)

Discussion on any Regulations the Council would like updated/rescinded/added

7. Organization Statements (J.Wright)

Review draft mission, mandate and guiding principles.

8. Other (T.Pickart)

9. Closing (T.Pickart)

Action: J.Neil to schedule another meeting to continue today's agenda.

Next Council Meeting Dates:

- Monday, January 22, 2024 – 11:30am-2:00pm (AST) – ONLINE – GoogleMeet
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – 9:00am-12:00pm (AST) **BOARD TRAINING**
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – 1:00-3:00pm (AST) – ONLINE – GoogleMeet

ACTION ITEMS

Item	Task Description	Owner	Due Date	Status
1	Distribute Honorarium Timesheets to Council Members for Jan 9 2024 meeting	J.Neil	01/10	Completed ▾ 01/04
2	Post APPROVED MINUTES for last meeting to website (11-30-2023)	J.Neil	1/15	Completed ▾ 01/15
3	Update the consultation document to reflect concerns prior to submitting it to the DHW	J.Wright	1/19	Completed ▾ 01/16
4	Discuss concerns re: committees and board composition within General Regulations with Mark Lucas and report back to Board with statement	J.Wright	1/23	Completed ▾ 01/16
5	Revise Scope of Practice for discussion at next meeting	J.Wright	1/23	Completed ▾ 01/16
6	Create and send Quarterly Newsletter to Midwives	J.Neil	1/25	Not Started ▾
7	Inform Midwife Members, the Public and Managers of Programs of any policy updates / decisions from Quarterly meeting	J.Wright	1/25	Not Started ▾
8	Strategic Planning	ALL	Q1 2024	In Progress ▾