

CRDHA Council met in person on February 10 & 11, 2023 for a business meeting. The following are highlights of key discussions and decisions from the meetings:

Council Discussions:

- Council discussed Labour Mobility and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) addressing the current landscape, political landscape and what is upcoming.
- Council reviewed the current challenges with the Jurisprudence Examination. Next steps are to build out the learning modules and content.
- Council reviewed the purposed changes to the Advanced Restricted Activities which are, all applications for ARA authorization must be submitted within 6 months of completing the appropriate initial training course or program and the removal the lists of substantially equivalent courses or programs from the policy and include only the Council-approved benchmark programs.
- Council reviewed the suggested revisions and updates to the Continuing Competence Manual brought forward by the college.
- Council reviewed the Program Approval phases to be taken to develop a process for assessing educational programs. Council is responsible for approving the programs and developing a Program Review Committee and/or Site Review Committee.
- Council reviewed the 2023-24 Fee Schedule and discussed the recommended changes. Consensus was to keep the current Registration fee at \$599.00 for 2023 – 2024. Application fees for new graduates, reinstatement and transfers will be consistent and standardized at \$350.00 as the administrative requirements for all these applications are the same. The Courtesy Permit will decrease to \$350.00.
- Council reviewed the current composition of Council which states that Council shall consist of six (6) regulated appointed members in accordance with the bylaws and the number of public members required to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council in accordance with the Act.

Council Decisions:

- Council approved the CRDHA to move forward and work with Santis Health who will help provide an in-depth strategy report outlining the current regulatory and political landscape, potential options, and recommendations to proceed forward. This project will take 6-8 weeks.
- Council approved the updated CRDHA Jurisprudence modules as the approved Jurisprudence examination as required by the regulation.
- Council approved the Advanced Restricted Activities with proposed changes.

- Council approved the Continuing Competence Manual with the new revision and updates effective in alignment with the new regulation.
- Council approved the College to begin working to create a new committee to work on the program approval process for Dental Hygiene Educational Institutions in Alberta and bring back recommendations to Council for approval.
- Council approved that Council shall consist of 5 regulated members and 5 public members. This change will need to be reflected in the Bylaws and will be approved at the June 2023 Council meeting.

Council Appointments:

- Council approved the appointment of Heather Nelson to the Competence Committee for 3-year term effectively immediately.
- Council approved the appointment of Samiha Rahman to the Competence Committee for 3-year term effectively immediately.
- Council approved the appointment of Jesse Novak to the Registration Committee for 3-year term effectively immediately.