

Board Highlights 24 May 2013

Board Highlights are an unofficial summary of the open portion of CDSBC Board meetings. Official records can be found in the minutes, which are posted after they are approved at the following Board meeting.

Publication of Discipline and Complaint Decisions

The Board approved a policy submission entitled “Publication of Complaints and Discipline Matters.” This document sets out how CDSBC will publish the outcomes of complaints and discipline decisions.

Read [CDSBC's Complaints and Discipline Publication Policy](#).

The final publication policy will be available on the website and incorporated into CDSBC's Bylaws.

The key recommendations (as approved by the Board at the February 23 meeting) are:

- CDSBC will continue to publish the names of disciplined registrants in circumstances prescribed by the Health Professions Act (HPA). Mandatory disclosure is reserved for the most serious disciplinary measures, such as when a discipline hearing has found misconduct or incompetence, or when limits or conditions are imposed on the practice of a registrant.
- CDSBC will exercise discretion to disclose beyond what the HPA requires. The HPA will be the starting point – not the end point – for the publication of complaints and discipline matters:
- For matters that are not considered serious as defined by the HPA, the registrant's name will not normally be published.
- CDSBC will publish trends in complaints anonymously. Providing examples of conduct that attracts regulatory intervention will help to educate registrants. It will also demonstrate to the public that serious complaints are dealt with appropriately, and that trivial ones are dismissed.
- The website will be the primary medium for publication.
- A statistical summary of all complaints received will be published annually.

This approach is in keeping with public and government expectations about access to complaints and discipline information. It is also consistent with the trend towards increasing transparency and disclosure among self-regulated professions within Canada and internationally.



Blood-Borne Pathogen Policy

The Board approved the Blood-Borne Pathogen Policy as submitted by the Quality Assurance Committee. The policy is based on a paper commissioned by the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation and written by a panel of experts, which conducted an extensive literature review on the subject. The policy is designed to ensure a safe working environment and maximizes the use of measures to prevent blood-borne viral transmission to patients.

The policy addresses CDSBC's requirements for registrants who are infected/affected with Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), as well as procedures to follow in the event of an exposure incident.

Read [CDSBC's Blood-Borne Policy](#).

Executive Limitation Reports

The Registrar provides Executive Limitation Reports to the CDSBC Board at each Board meeting. Some reports are submitted quarterly, while others are submitted annually. The reports for the May 2013 meeting included:

- EL2: Treatment of the Public
- EL3: Treatment of Registrants
- EL5: Financial Planning/Budgeting
- EL6: Financial Conditions and Activities
- EL8: Asset Protection

Read the [Executive Limitation Reports](#).

Management Report

The Board receives a detailed management report at each meeting. A summary of the report is provided below, or you can read the full report [here](#).

- How CDSBC will address registrants who suffer from an addiction in a manner that protects the public and provides a pathway to recovery.
- CDSBC attendance at meetings of Dental Regulatory Authorities (DRAs) and Dental Assistants Regulatory Authorities (DARA).
- Two draft guidelines published for public consultation: Obstructive Sleep Apnea, and Minimal and Moderate Sedation Services in Dentistry (Non-Hospital Facilities).
- Decision to publish as much content online as possible, moving away from hard-copy distribution of guidelines and other documents. To support this, CDSBC will



invest in the website to make it more user-friendly, and practice guidelines will be designed for online accessibility.

- Highlights of the College's presence at the 2013 Pacific Dental Conference, including the exhibition hall booth, educational session on how to avoid complaints, and the CDSBC awards ceremony.
- New approach to course delivery ("roadshows"): CDSBC will deliver courses on complaint avoidance around the province in 2013/14, beginning with two stops on Vancouver Island in June. These presentations also provide participants with the opportunity for direct feedback to the College.
- Update on the development of the online Dental Recordkeeping course.
- Website Upgrade: staff are working with a user experience consultant as part of the development of a new website for CDSBC.
- CDSBC staff served as guest lecturers for the UBC Dentistry fourth-year ethics and professionalism course.