

Terms of Reference: Quality Assurance Program Working Group

Established: June 5, 2015

Members to Include:

At least 5 members of the Quality Assurance Committee, including: at least three dentists; one certified dental assistant; and one public member.

Members:

1. Dr. Alexander Hird
2. Paul Durose
3. Dr. Andrea Esteves
4. Shelley Melissa, CDA
5. Dr. Ashok Varma
6. Dr. David Vogt

Staff:

1. Róisín O'Neill, Director of Registration & HR
2. Leslie Riva, Senior Manager: CDA Certification and Quality Assurance

Mandate:

To research and develop a comprehensive and mandatory program that goes beyond basic reporting of continuous practice hours and continuing education. The program should promote career-long hands-on learning, professional collaboration and promotes improved patient outcomes. To be successful, the program must be objective, credible, inclusive, and administratively realistic.

Tasks:

- 1) Communicate rationale of this initiative
- 2) Research and analyze QA Programs of other similar health regulators
- 3) Liaise and engage with the BCHR QAP Working Group; assist and align with recommendations if feasible
- 4) Engage stakeholders (such as component societies, the BCDA, and registrants) at large as appropriate to obtain input and foster collaboration and support. This will tie in with the critical aspect of communicating with our registrants in a continuous manner as we develop our program
- 5) Establish a program that will withstand scrutiny when measured against the College's and the Committee's mandate and objectives and be accepted by the profession
- 6) Ideally the program should be quantifiable (measurably improved competencies and patient outcomes)
- 7) In all tasks, emphasize the concept of lifelong learning and the importance of continuing competence
- 8) Communicate with the Minister of Health prior to filing QA related Bylaws

- 9) Communicate and educate to registrants (continuous)
- 10) Recommend ideas to the QA Committee then to the Board

Meetings will occur every 4-6 weeks by Skype or in-person

Note: The Quality Assurance Committee will review the mandate and tasks assigned to this working group annually.