

CRDHA Council met on April 29, 2022 for a business meeting. The following are highlights of key discussions and decisions from this business meeting:

Council Discussions:

- With the move towards greater transparency in regulation, specifically for professional misconduct complaints, the College is exploring options to post more complaints information on the CRDHA website. Council discussed the level of transparency of complaints information, including registrant name and registration number, and provided the College with guidance. Next steps will include bylaw changes and an implementation plan which will be discussed at the June 2022 Council meeting.
- The College presented an update to Council on the Standards of Practice project. Council discussed the higher level of accountability that will be expected from the dental hygiene profession through the new and updated standards. RDHs will be presented with the opportunity to provide their feedback on the draft standards in July 2022 before it goes to the Minister for consultation.
- Council discussed the legal opinion received on registration issues, including the appeals process under the HPA, substantial equivalency and equivalent jurisdiction. The College will keep Council apprised if the number of appeals for advanced restricted activity authorization increases and if there is anything that they should be considering for equivalent jurisdiction. They also discussed the program approval process in Alberta.
- Council identified changes that are required to bylaws and governance policies to allow Council the ability to extend a regulated member of council's term on council if required and asked for draft bylaw and policy language for the June 2022 Council meeting.

Council Decisions:

- Council approved the unaudited 2021-2022 financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2022.
- As per section 14(1) of the Health Professions Act, Council appointed Cathy Barton as the College hearings director. Ms. Barton is also the hearings director for the College of Alberta Denturists and the College of Chiropractors of Alberta.
- Council approved the Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines. These are joint guidelines between the CRDHA and the College of Alberta Dental Assistants, the College of Alberta Denturists and the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta. An implementation and communication plan will be discussed in May for a planned release in June 2022.
- Council formally motioned many of the decisions that were approved through the Divestment of Professional Association Functions report that was submitted to the Government in January 2022. The following motions were carried:

- In alignment with Bill 46, the CRDHA will no longer be offering awards to registrants to promote or recognize regulatory excellence, practice excellence, practitioner achievement or providing bursaries to either registrants or dental hygiene students.
- In alignment with Bill 46, the CRDHA will no longer be approving or maintaining lists of study clubs.
- In alignment with Bill 46, the CRDHA will no longer provide financial support to general medical or health research or research focussing on registrant concerns or interests. Funding for research will only be considering if it supports regulatory initiatives or outcomes.
- In alignment with Bill 46, the CRDHA will not negotiate professional fees on behalf of any of its registrants, effective April 1, 2023. If a new agreement is not executed by April 1, 2023, the CRDHA will immediately cease fee negotiations with the Government of Alberta and will defer this responsibility to a provincial association.
- Council approved the following policies:
 - A new College policy on CPR. This policy is accessible on the CRDHA website.
 - An increase to the amount compensated for mileage.
 - The decision to pay both Legislative Committees and Council Committees for their time, in accordance with Council's compensation policy.
 - To delete the College policy on Employee, Contractor and Volunteer Code of Conduct, as this policy is a duplication of the College's HR policies.