

CMM CIRCULAR

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Kathy Kirby

Sunny Days! Glancing out the window I can see blue skies, leaves on the trees and a beautiful bright sun. With the amazing weather we have been having, the CMM would like to wish you a happy and safe summer. The summer's months are full of many outdoor barbeques, days by the pool, and family camping trips! We have waited for the warmth and now its time to embrace the beauty of the season! Remember your sunscreen and drink lots of water! Whatever you decide to do, we hope you enjoy some much-needed time away! Kathy

NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Please join the College in sincerely congratulating Sandra Howard, who has become the first graduate of the Kanaci Otinawawasonwin Bachelor of Midwifery Program. Her graduation was observed on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 in Thompson. We heard it was wonderful, with many joining in the celebration. We at the College wish Sandy a long and fulfilling career as a midwife.

It is always busy at the College, but it has been incredibly so over the last few months with the preparations for the annual financial audit and of course the Annual General Meeting, which was so well attended again this year. I am always impressed by the level of interest of the members in the regulatory body. This is important. Thank you.

Finally, it is with very mixed feelings, as you will see from the message below, that we will be holding an election for a seat on Council to replace a member that is so respected. Please watch for further details coming to you shortly.

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON:

Dear friends,

I am sorry to inform you all that I have decided that my time at the College as Chair of the Council, Complaints Committee and Committee to Select Representatives has come to a finish. As some of you are aware I am a full time midwife and am very involved in the *Partners in Inner-city Integrated Prenatal Care project* (PIIPC).

I have had a good time at the College and the opportunities have supported my growth as a person and a leader. Time to get back to the clinic! I leave the College in good hands and encourage each of you to volunteer your time and energy there, you will not regret it. I wish to thank everyone who does put hours into the running and success of the College. I keep thinking of that saying from Margaret Mead: *"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For indeed that's all who ever have."* It is so appropriate for the College and I will miss being in the midst of it.

Love Kelly

COMMITTEE UPDATES

COUNCIL OF THE CMM

Kelly Klick, RM, Chairperson

Darlene Birch, RM (Rural)
(KD Council Designate)

Thelma Mason, (KD Rep) (Rural)

Kari Hammersley, RM (Rural)

Gisele Fontaine, RM

Sheila Mills, RM

Shannon Lavell (Pub. Rep)

Carolyn Markmann (Pub. Rep)
(Rural)

Standards Committee: The Standards committee is currently working on Administration of Uteronics, Waterbith, Code of Ethics, and Policy on Fetal Health Surveillance, the New Registrants' Policy and Currency.

Board of Assessors: Members have met frequently in person reviewing supervision reports and lifting conditions required for registrants under supervision. A meeting is pending regarding registration of two midwives.

Quality Assurance Committee: The Quality Assurance committee met several times over the last few months in preparation for this years June 14th Annual General Meeting. The College hosted a pre-AGM Reflective Practice Event: "What we have learned from 13 Years of Complaints, Quality Assurance Audits and Perinatal Review". A sub-committee compiled all of the data from the Quality Assurance Committee, the Perinatal Review Committee and Complaints Committee from June 2000 to present to identify any common themes in case outcomes; as a way of determining possible education/continuing education offerings for the CMM membership. It was a well attended event and participation in the workshop from the midwives was impressive!

Perinatal Review Committee: No update at this time. The Committee was pleased to contribute to the Reflective Practice Event that preceded the AGM as described above. If you have any feedback about the presentation please feel free to contact Kathy with your thoughts. Also please be reminded to submit your relevant cases for review.

Education Committee: The Education Committee continues its work on details of the final approval of the Midwifery Baccalaureate Program.

Kagike Danikobidan (KD): No update at this time.

CURRENT CMM MEMBERSHIP AS OF JULY 1 2013

34 Practicing Midwives

23 Non-practicing Midwives

14 Students

NEW CMM STUDENTS

Susan Wintoniw
Tricia Guse (returning Student)
Shelly O'Gorman

CMRC UPDATE

Planning will be underway shortly for the annual in-person meeting of the CMRC, being held this year in Ottawa on November 4 & 5, 2013, immediately preceding the CAM Conference. Items of import include:

Succession planning regarding retirement of members from CMBC and CMO, Assessment and Bridging for IEMs - post MMBP, National Midwifery Education Program Approval Process, Incorporation of the CMRC, New Brunswick government's rescinding of funding for the Midwifery Implementation Council, etc. You will see more info about New Brunswick by following this link, featuring our own Nathalie Pambrun:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/story/2013/07/08/nb-midwives-funding-cut-638.html>



TOPICS OF INTEREST

Hemoglobinopathy Screening

In 2008, the SOGC recommended that carrier screening for thalassemia and hemoglobinopathies should be offered to a woman if she and/or her partner are identified as belonging to an ethnic population whose members are at higher risk of being carriers. Ideally, this screening should be done pre-conceptionally or as early as possible in the pregnancy. From a practical view, any woman of reproductive age who is not Japanese, Korean, Caucasian of Northern European ancestry, First Nations, or Inuit should be screened. A hemoglobinopathy investigation should be sent using a special requisition available from DSM <https://apps.sbggh.mb.ca/labmanualviewer/index.do>

This test will include a CBC, ferritin and hemoglobin electrophoresis. If the woman is found to be a carrier, then a referral to genetics and metabolism is indicated. Referral forms can be obtained from the genetics and metabolism program website <http://www.wrha.mb.ca/prog/genetics>

Advanced Maternal Age

In 2011, the SOGC and CCMG jointly published a clinical practice guideline stating that:

Maternal age alone is a poor minimum standard for prenatal screening for aneuploidy, and it should not be used as a basis for recommending invasive testing when non-invasive prenatal screening for aneuploidy is available.

All pregnant women in Canada, regardless of age, should be offered, through an informed counselling process, the option of a prenatal screening test for the most common clinically significant fetal aneuploidies in addition to a second trimester ultrasound for dating, assessment of fetal anatomy, and detection of multiples.

In light of this, the Program of Genetics and Metabolism will no longer be accepting referrals for Advanced Maternal Age (AMA) as the sole indication. It is felt that these services can be more appropriately offered through a patient's primary care physician, obstetrician/gynecologist or midwife at their first prenatal visit.

First trimester nuchal translucency ultrasounds will still be available to women ≥ 35 years of age at delivery. These can be ordered directly through your office for eligible patients. Both Women's Hospital and St Boniface Hospital Fetal Assessment Units have appropriately trained staff to provide these ultrasounds.

Positive Maternal Serum Screen results should still be referred to Genetics for follow up as done previously. Referral forms can be obtained from the genetics and metabolism program [website](http://www.wrha.mb.ca/prog/genetics/) <http://www.wrha.mb.ca/prog/genetics/>.

Submitted by:

Bernie Chodirker MD, FCCMG, FRCPC

Medical Geneticist

WRHA Program in Genetics and Metabolism



CervixCheck, CancerCare Manitoba has updated it's guidelines for cervical cancer screening.

Changes have been made to the recommendations for screening initiation (21 years of age for all sexually active women) and the screening interval (every 3 years).

To view and order clinical and public resources to support the new recommendations, see attached, or visit:

<http://tellevewoman.ca> and click on "New Guidelines for Cervical Cancer Screening."

The new guidelines will be distributed to all of primary care in Manitoba.

TOPICS OF INTEREST cont'd

The CMM has received the following communication from the President of the Ontario College of Midwives

Dear College of Midwives of Ontario Members and Stakeholders:

With a wide range of deep emotions, I announce the retirement of Robin Kilpatrick effective the end of November 2013.

After almost 20 years at the College and a 30-year career advancing regulated midwifery within Ontario, Robin has decided that the time has come to retire following the successful completion of the College's three-year strategic plan this fall.

Twenty years ago, as our first Registrar, Robin was instrumental in setting the bar for the high regard in which midwifery is held today. Her incredible commitment to the profession is demonstrated in tireless work in setting standards designed to elevate the profession while ensuring the protection of the women and families served by midwives. The knowledge and leadership Robin brought to the CMO and the practice of midwifery cannot be overstated and her impact on the profession reached far outside Ontario's borders as contributions impacting midwifery are recognized by organizations at national and international levels.

On behalf of the College Council, and staff both current and past, I invite you to join us as we wish Robin all the best as she completes her journey with the College over the next few months and embarks on the next phase of her life.

Sincerely,
Barbara Borland
President, College of Midwives of Ontario

The CMM has also received the following information from the College of Midwives of British Columbia

Jane Kilthei, Registrar and Executive Director of the CMBC has been planning her retirement for a while. 16+ years as registrar in BC and over 30 years working in Canadian midwifery is a good long time, says Jane. Her plan is to step back into a policy role when a new person is hired on as Registrar and ED in the fall (presuming that the Board will find the right person), which will allow her to finish up some projects while providing some mentoring and support to the new Registrar.

The departure of Canada's two pioneer midwifery registrars marks a significant loss. We are confident that new talent will be secured in these jurisdictions, but we will dearly miss the wisdom, passion and leadership that these two remarkable women have so steadfastly provided for the development of regulated midwifery in Canada.



Baby Announcements

Jonah Lucas Anderes Sawatzky – born March 21, 2013 ~ Weight: 7lbs, parents Jocelyne Anderes & Rob Sawatzky

Fern Imogene Brown-Douziech – born May 18, 2013 ~Weight: 8lbs, parents Miriam Brown & Amber Douziech

*Sikulia Roland Marie Mauro – born June 26, 2013~Weight: 10/2, parents Nathalie Pambrun & Ian Mauro
Sikulia means "the way of the sea ice" in Inuktitut*

Council and Committee Membership

Council of the College

Darlene Birch, RM (NOR-MAN RHA) Rural
Thelma Mason (Kagike Danikobidan Rep) Rural
Kelly Klick, RM Chairperson (WRHA)
Gisele Fontaine, RM (WRHA)
Kari Hammersley, RM (Brandon RHA) Rural
Sheila Mills, RM (WRHA)
Carolyn Markmann (Appointed Public Rep) Rural
Shannon Lavell (Appointed Public Rep)

Board of Assessors

Marla Gross, RM (Central RHA) Rural
Sheila Mills, RM Chairperson (WRHA)
Mary Beens (Appointed Public Rep)
Marlaine Anderson-Lindsay (Appointed Public Rep)
Cara McDonald, RM (WRHA)
Janet Macaulay, RM (WRHA)

Complaints Committee

Kelly Klick, RM Chairperson (WRHA)
Carol Griffin, RM (South Eastman RHA) Rural
Karen Macloskie, RM, (Non-prac.) Rural
Shannon Lavell (Appointed Public Rep) Rural
Darlene Mulholland (Kagike Danikobidan Rep) Rural

Education Committee

Adrienne Ryan (Appointed Public Rep)
Carolyn Nykiforuk, RM (WRHA)
Kari Hammersley, RM (Brandon RHA) Rural
Freda Lepine (Kagike Danikobidan Rep) Rural
Sara Corrigan (Appointed Public Rep)
Tracey Novoselnik, RM, (Non-prac.)

Perinatal Review Committee

Gisele Fontaine, RM Chairperson (WRHA)
Lara Petkau, RM (Central RHA) Rural
Ling Ou Chen, RM (WRHA)
Abigail Tackie Larson, RM (WRHA)
Dr. Ferd Pauls

Standards Committee

Darlene Birch, RM (NOR-MAN RHA) Rural
Marla Gross, RM (Central RHA) Rural
Gisele Fontaine, RM (WRHA)
Joelle Ross, RM Chairperson (Central RHA) Rural
Gordana Lemez, RM (WRHA)
Jocelyne Anderes, RM (Non-prac.)
Lyn Hotchkiss (Appointed Public Rep)
Daniele Bajus (Appointed Public Rep)

Quality Assurance Committee

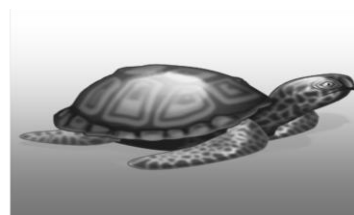
He Hu, RM (WRHA)
Karen Macloskie, RM (Non-prac.)
Rebecca Wood, RM Chairperson (WRHA)
Darlene Birch, RM (Kagike Danikobidan) Rural
Kelly Klick, RM (WRHA)
Darlene Mulholland (Kagike Danikobidan) Rural

Kagike Danikobidan (KD)

Darlene Birch, RM (NOR-MAN RHA)
Maggie Flett (Island Lakes)
Ruth Ellen Flett (Island Lakes)
Freda Lepine (Chairperson) Thompson
Thelma Mason (Garden Hill)
Nelliane Cromarty (Garden Hill)
Darlene Mulholland (Thompson)
Doris Young (The Pas)
Sandy Howard (Student rep)

Committee to Select Public Representatives

Kelly Klick, RM Chairperson (WRHA)
Trina Larsen (Rep appointed by the Women's Health Clinic)
Andrea Keeping (Appointed Public Rep)





COUNCIL & COMMITTEES MEETINGS

Standards Committee – TBA

Perinatal Review Committee – October 18/13, December 13/13, February 14/14 & April 11/14, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Education Committee – TBA

Quality Assurance Committee – September 19/13, 1:30 p.m.

Council Meetings - September 23/13, November 25/13, January 20/14, March 17/14 & May 12/14.

RETURNING TO PRACTICE?

*Please remember that in order to return to practice you must submit your **RETURN TO PRACTICE FORM** 30 days prior to returning back to work. **You must also be current in CPR & NRP.***

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

During the months of July and August, due to vacation observance and part-time status of Janice and Patty, please call the office first at (204) 783-4520 if you need to come to the office in person.

August 5, 2013 – Civic Holiday, office closed

September 2, 2013 – Labour Day, office closed

October 14, 2013 – Thanksgiving, office closed

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Administrative Officer: Kathy Kirby

Ask me for strength and I will lend not only my hand, but also my heart. ~Unknown

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