

Minutes
Teleconference Meeting
Council of Alberta College of Pharmacists
Friday, June 3, 2016

1. Call to Order

President Hackman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Registrar Eberhart called the roll call, identifying the following members of council members in attendance:

- District 3 – Rick Hackman - President
- District 4 – Kelly Olstad
- District 5 – Brad Couldwell
- District 5 – Kamal Dullat
- District A - Kelly Boparai
- District B – Jennifer Teichroeb
- Al Evans - Public Member
- Bob Kruchten - Public Member
- Mary O’Neill - Public Member

Also in attendance:

- Greg Eberhart – Registrar
- Leslie Ainslie – Executive Assistant

Registrar Eberhart declared that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly constituted.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved by **Kelly Boparai**/Seconded by **Al Evans**/CARRIED

4. Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

The Supreme Court of Canada ruling in *Carter vs Carter* recognizes MAID as a constitutional right of individuals. The Supreme Court imposed a June 6, 2016 deadline for federal and provincial legislation for MAID. To date neither government has enacted legislation. In the absence of legislation, persons seeking MAID will no longer require a court order. The federal legislation is before the Senate, but not expected to be passed prior to the deadline. As it stands, under the Criminal Code, the federal legislation has no overt protection from criminal prosecution for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who participate in MAID.

The provincial government will defer legislation until federal legislation is in place however will invoke “Standards of Practice” for physicians. Within these standards the only reference to pharmacists is standard 2.6 that states: “*The regulated member who, in providing medical assistance in dying, prescribes or obtains a drug for that purpose must, before any pharmacist dispenses the drug*”

MOTION: that Council supports communicating with pharmacists and pharmacy technicians that states “as of June 6, 2016 or any date thereafter until such time that policy or legislation is approved that protects pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from criminal prosecution when compounding or dispensing a prescription for MAID; pharmacists and pharmacy technicians should not participate in MAID; and should they do so, they should seek their own personal legal counsel.”

Moved by **Al Evans**/Seconded by **Kelly Boparai**/CARRIED

5. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn the teleconference meeting of Council at 8:04 p.m.

Moved by **Bob Kruchten**