2026 Sept 17-18th COUNCIL UPDATE

CRPNS
COLLEGE OF
REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES
OF SASKATCHEWAN

The CRPNS Council held its most recent Council Education Day on September 17, followed by a Council meeting on September 18, 2026. This update provides key points of the meeting.

Finances

Council approved the second-quarter financial report as presented:

- Finances are on track as budgeted for 2026.
- Council appointed MWC Chartered Professional Accountants to conduct the CRPNS 2026 financial audit.

Council & Committee Appointments

Curtis Talbot was appointed as a public appointee on the Legislative Committee for the length of his term on Council.

Mallory Unger was appointed as Chair of the Discipline Committee.

Truth and Reconciliation Updates/Planning

Update provided on the development of a Cultural Safety Guideline and a strategy for sharing related information and resources on the CRPNS website.

Further Truth and Reconciliation related education opportunities for Council was discussed and will be explored for 2027.

Key Partner Meetings

CRPNS continues to strengthen relationships with key partners through:

- Meeting with Minister Carr to present the CRPNS Advanced Practice proposal, which was met with strong interest, with continued engagement planned with Ministry staff.
- Monthly meetings between CRPNS operational staff and the Saskatchewan Health Authority Nursing Professional Practice team.
- Monthly meetings with the Government of Saskatchewan Chief Nursing Officer, Liliana Canadic.
- Quarterly meetings with the Saskatchewan Health Authority's Chief Nursing Officer, Gaylene Molnar.
- Attendance at the Saskatchewan Nurse Retention Forum hosted by the Association of Professional Nurses of Saskatchewan.
- Attendance at national meetings of RPN regulators, as well as with the federations for the RN and LPN Regulators of Canada.

Regulated Health Professions Act

CRPNS continues to prepare for the introduction of the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) as proclaimed by government. This includes internal analysis of changes, as well as attendance at Government of Saskatchewan meetings.

CRPNS, along with the RN, LPN, and physician regulators have been selected as early adopters of the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA). Upcoming regulatory consultations to occur in 2027.

Professional Conduct Committee Report

An update was provided by the Registrar. Complaint volumes have slightly increased. The PCC continues to meet quarterly to address matters within its mandate.

Discipline Committee Report

Council received an update on disciplinary matters, including a disciplinary decision that was made on August 21, 2026 resulting from a hearing that was held in April 2026.

A complaint reviewed by PCC on September 14, 2026 was referred to the Discipline Committee, with an anticipated hearing to occur in early 2027.

Deputy Registrar and Registration Services Update

Renewal is scheduled to open mid-October this year. Staff are working with registrants to capture missed CIHI data from last registration season. Staff are also working with the database provider to ensure this is captured for 2027.

NURSYS Update: CRPNS continues preparations for implementation of the NURSYS Database to support improved regulatory decision-making and risk management.

A new category for licensure was approved: “retired category”. More information to be shared as policies and database initiatives are completed to support this category.

Practice Update

Practice inquiries remain high, with volumes projected to exceed last year's annual total. Overall, verbal feedback on the practice program has been very positive. CRPNS continues to seek user feedback on the service. Should you wish to share your experience please email info@crpns.ca for the survey link.
CRPNS will be facilitating the scope of practice workshop again this fall, with four sessions available to attend.

Presented policies approved by Council:

- Legislative committee policy, Finance committee policy, Graduate Psychiatric Nurse (GPN) policy, Registration policy, Documents from Third Parties Policy.

Presented guidelines for approval by Council:

- Beyond Entry Level Competencies - Guideline for Registered Psychiatric Nurses received a minor modification regarding GPN practice: Approved.
- A new guideline, Entering Practice - Guideline for Graduate Psychiatric Nurses, was developed, replacing the previous GPN Guideline: Approved.
- Links to these guidelines will be provided in the upcoming CRPNS newsletter and are currently available on our website.

CEO/Registrar Report

Council received an update on progress towards fulfilling the strategic plan as we approach completion of the second year of the three-year plan. Emphasis has been placed on increasing key partner and public engagement.

Closing Remarks

The next Council meeting will be held on December 4, 2026.

2027 Council meeting dates were selected as follows:

- March 11, 2027
- May 6-7, 2027 (inclusive of annual meeting – more information to come)
- September 23-24, 2027
- December 3, 2027

Should you wish to observe a council meeting please submit a request to: info@crpns.ca



Best regards,

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