



# NEWSLETTER

**SCM Transitional Council Update**  
Ray Joubert, BSP, Chairperson

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I am pleased to provide our readers with an update on the recent activities of the SCM Transitional Council:

- Debbie Mpofu, RM was appointed as vice-chairperson of the Transitional Council.
- Several proposed amendments to *The Midwifery Act* and *The Midwifery Regulatory Bylaws* were approved by the Council and will be submitted to Saskatchewan Government for consideration. Proposed amendments to the Act and Bylaws include:
  - \* The addition of a provision to section 27 to allow the professional conduct committee further latitude with respect to providing guidance or counseling to a member and/or provide observations or suggestions to an entity or person other than a member;
  - \* A change to the process by which registered midwives are authorized to prescribe, dispense or administer drugs, order, perform or interpret diagnostic tests; and perform invasive procedures;
  - \* Deletion of the requirement for initial registration that states a registered midwife must conduct at least 10 births during the two years immediately preceding the application for registration as a member;
  - \* Change to bylaw to be consistent with current practices;
  - \* General housekeeping to keep language consistent.
- The Council approved the professional practice policy entitled "Clinical Practice". This policy replaces the practice policies of the College of Midwives of Manitoba that were formerly adopted by the Saskatchewan College of Midwives.
- The policy on "Mandatory Discussion, Consultation and Transfer of Care" will be reviewed by the Council at an upcoming meeting.
- New Transitional Council members Debbie Vey, RM and Sharon Staseson, RN were welcomed to their first meeting.
- Financial support to attend the annual Canadian Association of Midwives conference was awarded to Maud Addai, RM of Swift Current.
- The Transitional Council has appointed Cheryl Olson to the position of Executive Director/Registrar as a permanent full time employee of the College.

I would like to thank the members of the Transitional Council for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the work of the College and the regulation of midwifery in Saskatchewan.

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## Saskatchewan College of Midwives

Cheryl Olson, Executive Director/Registrar

Autumn in Saskatchewan is upon us and we are gearing up for another eventful year, dedicated to fulfilling the mission and mandate of the Saskatchewan College of Midwives.

Over the summer months, work has continued on various initiatives:

- The SCM website was updated and revised with the addition of a section for Transitional Council members to access information and meeting material.
- Ongoing development of professional practice policy, to guide the work of Saskatchewan midwives and administrative policy to address aspects of the College's day to day operations.
- Research on continuing competence and quality assurance programs across the country as we begin to develop requirements for midwives in Saskatchewan.
- Follow-up to member requests made at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

We continue to receive inquiries from Canadian midwives, students of midwifery and internationally educated midwives regarding registration and licensure in Saskatchewan.

SCM website statistical reports for the period April 11, 2009 to April 11, 2010, indicate that there were 2,555 visits to the SCM website. The number of visits has increased from the previous year. Of the 2,555 visits, 2,318 of the visitors originated in Canada, 87 in the United States, 27 in the United Kingdom and 24 in the Philippines. The remaining visitors originated in countries all around the world. During the same time period, of the 2,555 visitors, 1,728 were new visitors and 827 were returning visitors.

I will be attending the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) annual conference as well as meetings of the Canadian Midwifery Regulators Consortium (CMRC) in the beginning of October. I look forward to participating in the many educational sessions and collaborating with my counterparts.

To date, we have nine registered midwife members in Saskatchewan and one application for registration and licensure pending. Eight of these members are currently practising in the province.

Until next time...

If your actions inspire others to dream more,  
learn more, do more and become more,  
you are a leader.

**John Quincy Adams**

### HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you move, please advise us of your address change. Licence renewal forms and other information will not be forwarded to you if our records indicate that mail has been returned to the Saskatchewan College of Midwives. Please contact us at 306.781.1356 or e-mail [admin@saskmidwives.ca](mailto:admin@saskmidwives.ca)

## MISSION

The Saskatchewan College of Midwives (SCM) strives to ensure that its members provide competent and ethical care to the clients they serve. The SCM adopts standards that should ensure its members are responsive to individual and community needs. The SCM promotes a model of care for the profession of midwifery that encourages informed choice for the client and participation of women by providing standards and guidelines for the midwives that ensure a high quality of care and protection of the public. The SCM is responsive to the public and the College's members.

## MANDATE

The SCM mandate is to serve and protect the public interest by regulating midwifery practice in accordance with The Midwifery Act, Midwifery Regulations, the Regulatory Bylaws and other relevant legislation. The goal of the SCM is to register qualified, competent midwives to provide safe, high quality care to women and their families in the province of Saskatchewan.

## ROLE OF THE COLLEGE

The SCM is the regulating or governing body for the profession of midwifery in the province of Saskatchewan. The SCM has the following duties and responsibilities:

- To serve and protect the public;
- To exercise its powers and discharge its responsibilities in the public interest;
- To regulate the practice of the profession and to govern the members in accordance with the Act and the bylaws;
- To assure the public of the knowledge, skill, proficiency and competency of members in the practice of midwifery.

The SCM operates under the principles of accountability, responsiveness, and accessibility. At the core of all College activity is the principle of serving and protecting the public. In order to do this, the College consults with members and others to develop standards and policies and works with other health professionals and health regulatory colleges and areas of government, which affect the practice of midwifery.

## WHAT'S NEW

### Research Grant Awarded

The Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation awarded a grant to principal investigator, Lori Hanson, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, University of Saskatchewan and co-investigator Debbie Mpofu, RM, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, University of Saskatchewan, to conduct research on "Equity in Access to Midwifery Care in the Saskatoon Health Region".

### Saskatchewan College of Midwives Policies

*Clinical Practice Policy—Approved*

All SCM Policies are available on our website

### Visit the Updated SCM Website

[www.saskmidwives.ca](http://www.saskmidwives.ca)



## MIDWIFERY EXPANDING.....

**Adrienne Hagen Lyster, Consultant**  
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Cypress Health Region (CHR) welcomed Maud Addai, Registered Midwife who began her practice based out of Swift Current at the beginning of June 2010. She had her first delivery on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Demand for midwifery services is already exceeding current capacity. Cypress Health Region is currently recruiting a second midwife to enhance service delivery, especially to their rural residents which is a key priority for their midwifery program. CHR is planning a public launch of their midwifery program this fall.

Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR) is pleased to welcome Bridget Mensah, Registered Midwife who began working in Regina on September 7, 2010. Bridget will spend her first few months familiarizing herself with RQHR services and establishing the Regina based midwifery program including developing links with other services in the area. Regina is also currently recruiting for a second midwife who will assist them in enhancing service provision to their inner city patients, a primary focus for the program.

### MIDWIFERY SERVICES

- If you live in the Saskatoon Health Region please call the Saskatoon Midwifery Office at 306.655.5371.
- If you live in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region please call the Midwifery Manager at 306.766.5559
- If you live in the Cypress Health Region please call the Midwifery Office at 306.778.5118 or Toll Free 1.877.401.8071.

### Saskatchewan College of Midwives Transitional Council

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### Saskatchewan College of Midwives

#### Transitional Council 2010 Meeting Dates

November 16, 2010

December 21, 2010

February 15, 2011

April 19, 2011

June 21, 2011

September 20, 2011

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