



## SCM Transitional Council Update

Ray Joubert, BSP, Chairperson

Happy New Year! The SCM Transitional Council has met twice since our last Newsletter. The following is an update on the Council's activities:

- \* Further discussion with respect to one of the proposed amendments to *The Midwifery Regulatory Bylaws* around "currency of practice" requirements for renewing annual licensure. D. Vey has been asked to consult with registered midwife members of the Midwifery Association of Saskatchewan and report their feedback to Council.
- \* The Council approved the policy on "Mandatory Discussion, Consultation and Transfer of Care".
- \* Editorial revisions to initial and renewal application forms were approved.
- \* In upcoming meetings, the Transitional Council will be shifting their focus to the development of continuing competence requirements. Members will be asked to participate in the process at various developmental stages.
- \* The SCM budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year was approved.
- \* An auditor was appointed to conduct the audit of the SCM financial records for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

Council and staff wish to express their sincere appreciation to Sonya Duffee for her dedicated service to the Saskatchewan College of Midwives. Sonya has submitted her resignation as a member on the Transitional Council. We wish Sonya every success in her future endeavors.

On behalf of the Transitional Council I would like to congratulate the Cypress Health Region on the official launch of their midwifery program and the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region on their recent hire of a registered midwife as they move forward with providing midwifery services in Regina and area.



Sophia and Maud Addai, RM—the first baby to be birthed by a registered midwife, in Cypress RHA history.

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Launch of the Cypress RHA Midwifery Program with mothers, babies, registered midwife Maud Addai and the Hon. Don McMorris, Saskatchewan Minister of Health, in attendance. Photos thanks to Cypress Health Region.

## Saskatchewan College of Midwives

Cheryl Olson, Executive Director/Registrar

At the start of a new year, I always look forward with anticipation to new experiences and begin work on my "to do" list in an attempt to plan the upcoming 12 months.

I'm pleased to announce that the annual licensure renewal process is complete for another year. To date, we have eight registered midwives licensed and practising in Saskatchewan.

We continue to receive inquiries from individuals interested in pursuing a midwifery career in Saskatchewan. Since September, 2010, SCM has received 15 inquiries requesting information on midwifery education and membership and licensure with the Saskatchewan College of Midwives.

6 - individuals inquiring about Canadian midwifery education programs

9 - international midwife inquiries from around the world - Philippines, Iran, Greece, United Kingdom, Nigeria, Uganda and Ghana

I attended meetings of the Canadian Midwifery Regulators Consortium (CMRC) in October, 2010. The CMRC has identified the following priorities for the upcoming year:

- \* Human resource strategy
- \* Support for national regulatory functions
- \* Communication plan/strategy
- \* National bridging continuation and sustainability
- \* Sustainable environmental plan
- \* National midwifery education program assessment process
- \* Investigation of additional funding sources

I also attended the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) conference in Edmonton during the first week of October. The conference was informative and provided the opportunity to network with other regulators and with midwives from across Canada. I was particularly proud to be able to tell others, who enjoyed Dr. George Carson's presentation on the panel, that Dr. Carson is a member of our Transitional Council. It was also wonderful to see our Saskatchewan midwives in attendance.

Until next time...

Left untended, knowledge and skill, like all assets, depreciate in value – surprisingly quickly.

**David Maister**



From left to right. Bridget Mensah, RM, Dr. George Carson, Transitional Council Member, and Maud Addai, RM, at the 2010 CAM Conference.

### 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)

## NATIONAL INFORMATION

**The Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM)** is the national organization representing midwives and the profession of midwifery in Canada. The mission of CAM is to provide leadership and advocacy for midwifery as a regulated, publicly funded and vital part of the primary maternity care system in all provinces and territories. CAM promotes the development of the profession in the public interest and contributes the midwifery perspective to the national health policy agenda. The vision of the Canadian Association of Midwives is that midwifery is fundamental to maternal and newborn health services, and that every woman in Canada will have access to a midwife's care for herself and her baby.

### Canadian Association of Midwives New President

CAM announced the appointment of Anne Wilson, BHSC, RM, RN as the new President of the Canadian Association of Midwives. Ms. Wilson will serve as the CAM President from January, 2011 to December, 2012.

### Mark Your Calendars

The Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) is proud to announce the 2011 joint CAM/Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA) Conference, in collaboration with the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM).

### The North American Midwifery Conference

**November 9-10-11-12, 2011**

**Niagara Falls, Ontario**

## WHAT'S NEW

### SCM Policies

*Clinical Practice Policy—Approved*

*Mandatory Discussion, Consultation and Transfer of Care—Approved*

**All SCM Policies are available on our website**

**Visit the Updated SCM Website** [www.saskmidwives.ca](http://www.saskmidwives.ca)

### DID YOU KNOW?

- \* That the title of "midwife" is protected and that no person other than a member or a physician licensed pursuant to *The Medical Profession Act, 1981* shall use the title to imply that the person is a member.

*Adapted from The Midwifery Act*



Cartoon by John Fuller

### Reminder to Members

Although continuing competence requirements are not yet in place for Registered Midwives in Saskatchewan, it is an expectation of the College that members participate in continuing education and professional development to maintain and enhance their skills, knowledge and abilities.

## Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Health Bursary Program

The Government of Saskatchewan places a high priority on attracting and keeping key health providers. To this end, Saskatchewan Health offers two bursary programs to support midwifery. The first bursary program offers a \$7,000 bursary to internationally educated midwives needing to undergo an assessment and/or bridging program. The second bursary program offers a \$7,000 bursary to students who are registered in a Bachelor of Health Sciences in Midwifery at a recognized university in Canada. Each bursary has a return-in-service requirement of one year (served as the employee of a Saskatchewan Regional Health Authority) for each \$7,000 bursary funding received. Saskatchewan midwifery bursaries are ongoing and have no application deadlines. Up to four bursaries may be awarded annually.

For more information go to

[www.health.gov.sk.ca/ongoing-bursaries](http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/ongoing-bursaries)

### 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 306.766.4597
- 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

February 22, 2011

April 19, 2011

June 21, 2011

September 20, 2011

November 15, 2011

December 20, 2011