

Annual Meeting of Members
October 22, 2020, Virtual
Minutes

Participants: See the list below:

Welcome opening remarks

Agenda approved

Acknowledgement of land

Conflict of interest: Dr Kristy Newson discloses that she has a Dept. of Health position as an EMR physician.

Minutes of June 6, 2019, moved and seconded, Dr Stewart and Dr Austin

[President Report](#)

Dr Kristy Newson

The report was emailed before this meeting. We have been really busy meeting with ministers, oppositions and working on the primary care reform and Steering Committee.

1. We continue to promote the Value of Family Physicians by working on a new campaign called "We Specialize in You", which will launch this fall.
2. We helped facilitate and enhance virtual care and telemedicine in the early days of the pandemic with our virtual care task force role.
3. We are promoting leadership in Family Medicine by offering seats to our member in the Atlantic leadership CDP Joule course.
4. We are working with health systems stakeholders, including representation on the primary care steering committee and the provincial EMR program.

EMR key message to think about in the coming months:

While contract negotiations continue with the EMR vendor to guide and support the clinician community in moving through this transformation.

Once the contract has been signed, the Program will work with the EMR vendor on initial pilot implementation.

While the next phases, members, please prepare your patient records but ensuring key information (e.g., allergies) is up to date by identifying frequent patients (e.g., those with chronic disease)

We will continue to seek physician input through each milestone and adjust our practices when possible, to meet your needs.

[Financial](#)

Dr Huy Nguyen

As the report was emailed two weeks in advance for review, were there any questions?

He stated that this report is year-end 2019. We are in a good position, and with CFPC national last transfer payment, we will continue so for the following year.

Moved Heather Austin, Seconded Trina Stewart

National updates

Dr. Francine Lemire CEO

We are living different times and must adjust accordingly.

The decision related to conduct of examination is impacted by COVID-19

Invest in our certification and assessment standards

Meet the evolving health care needs of our communities

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) learned of several technical issues that affected some candidates who wrote the Certification Examination in Family Medicine on October 13-16, 2020. We understand that some had their time reduced to complete the exam; some Francophone candidates were disconnected prematurely and could not reconnect or have a Francophone proctor when reconnected. A smaller number of candidates had their full exam content lost. These issues were caused by malfunctions in the data system used by our exam vendor, Prometric.

CFPC announced a sincere apology for what has occurred. We have never faced issues of this magnitude during the Examination process and want to assure you that while these technical errors, this was out of CFPC control. CFPC is actively working to ensure that they do not happen again.

The CFPC Exams team has contacted each affected candidate. We will offer individual support and establish re-writes as soon as reasonably possible for those who will need to complete the examination again.

Join us for our first virtual FMF and the Annual Meeting of Members.

Shirley Schipper National President

Dr Schipper wished she was in person in PEI. She and her children were looking forward to a PEI visit.

Two items that she reported of CFPC works. I encourage you to participate/view the CFPC website:

- Anti-racism in the medical field
- Innovative collaborations are improving mental health care.
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Minister of Health and Wellness James Aylward greetings

Despite a challenging year, the Department of Health and wellness remains busy and moving forward on many fronts to enhance health care across the province. The chief public health officials, along with Health PEI, has been leading the COVID19 response.

Despite the pandemic, there is so much work underway in a variety of areas behind the scenes:

- Things like enhancing mental health and addictions services
- Rural health care wellness
- Virtual care has never been so prevalent or essential, and the advancements already underway have made offering patient care alternate ways very seamless throughout the pandemic.

- We continue moving ahead towards a fully integrated provincial EMR and virtual care platform for all family physicians and other community-based specialists on PEI.

He looks forward to the increased alignment across the health care system this creates.

Our recruitment and retention secretariat have been working diligently to fill vacancies in various healthcare positions.

Health PEI has 19 new physicians sign on to date in 2020. Two family medicine sponsored residents will be placed in the coming months.

Through our newly enhanced nursing recruitment incentive program, we have hired 76 graduate RNs, three experienced RNs, four graduate NPs, and two experienced NPs.

I want to congratulate all of those be recognized today for your dedication to Islanders and improve the health system.

We are very fortunate to have you here in PEI and as leaders and vital players in our health care system.

[Awards 2020](#)

Dr Kristy Newson commenced with the awards section of the meeting.

She asked Hon James Alyward to assist her.

Dr Kristy gave the background information for the Awards of Excellence:

[Dr Katherine \(Kathy\) McNally](#), for bringing her leadership skills to the Department of Health to forward the cause of primary care and for her active engagement of the Queen's medical staff.

[Dr Laura O'Connor](#), brings her passion, skills for family medicine and community health to her role at CBC. She is showing leadership capacity during the COVID pandemic.

[Minister of Health](#) took over the announcements.

He thanks Rose and Heather for keeping the next person a secret.

We like to recognize [Dr Kristy Newson for the 3rd Awards of Excellence](#). For her work and implementing the provincial EMR and Virtual care Platform for all family physicians and Community care specialist.

[Recognizing family physicians who exemplify the best of what being a family doctor is all about!!](#)

[2020 Family Physician of the Year](#)

We are proud to announce Dr Andrew Wohlgemut, Prince Edward Island Family Physician of the Year for 2020. Dr Andrew Wohlgemut (Dr Andrew) was nominated for this award for his leadership as Head of the Department of Family Medicine at the QEH and for being a mentor for new physicians in the Queen's Region.

Andrew was Past President of the PEICFP in 2008. He sits on numerous boards and previously at the negotiation table to support our Island members. He is a compassionate, broad scope family physician to a diverse patient population in Charlottetown. Along with his wife, Family Physicians, Dr Adriana Veer, Andrew has a busy home life as a caring dad of twin boys and a dedicated coach for many of their sporting activities.

Dr Wohlgemut, outstanding Family Physician, educator, advocate and health care provider; we are proud to recognize him with this award.

No other business Dr. Kristy Newson declared the 2020 PEI AMM adjourned.

Present:

Trina	Stewart
Shannon	Curtis
Francine	Lemire
John	Morash
Laura	Heron
Kathy	McNally
Peter	MacKean
Natalie	Kuijpers
Andre	Celliers
Shirley	Schipper
Heather	Austin
Kristy	Newson
Huy	Nguyen
Charles	Duffy
Nadine	Arsenault- Samson
Steve	Scales
Jeannette	Verleum
Melanie	Banash
Adriana	Veer
Andrew	Wohlegm ut

Rose Burke Perry Executive Administrator

Heather Mullen, Health Policy Analyst, Atlantic Chapter Support

Lissa Manganaro, Chapter Liaison Officer

Invited: Hon. James Alyward, Minister of Health