



**PSYCHOLOGISTS IN HOSPITALS  
AND HEALTH CENTRES**  
SECTION  
**PSYCHOLOGUES EN MILIEUX  
HOSPITALIERS ET EN CENTRES  
DE SANTÉ**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 14 , 2025

Attended: L. Graff, S. Kidd, J. Heintz Grove, K. Collimore, S. Greenham, A. Pontefract, A. O’Callahan, J. Pellizzari, B. Diplock

Regrets: K. Mothersill

1. Approval/ Additions to Agenda (All) - no additions or modifications, agenda approved
2. Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2025 previously distributed; no changes
3. Reports from Executive
  - a) Chair (Lesley)
    - CPA Section Chairs and Ontario College developments – one of the Section Chairs has drafted a letter of concern to the Ontario government, requesting all chairs provide feedback and sign. In discussion with the lead Chair, Lesley connected CPA Executive Lisa VB and Stewart to this initiative; Section Chairs need Board approval for external communications under their title.
    - Discussion of the issues and response more generally identified:
      - Lack of clarity from CPBAO regarding status of consultation and opportunity for input to College/government
      - Importance of consistent message/common solutions based on facts of these developments; provincial and national responses are appropriate and needed
      - this is not guild protection but public protection; this is not Masters vs PhD argument; there are already master’s trained who practice independently; issue is lowering of standards including supervised clinical hours and exams, and approach to identifying practice and population competencies.
      - Valuable for the provincial associations across Canada to work with OPA
      - Government needs to hear from system partners such as CAMH and SickKids Hospital.
      - For CPA, consider focused engagement with Sections that have primary clinical mandate
      - OPA members are receiving guidance for response, mobilizing working groups; this includes Ally Mobilization working group to identify external stakeholders. Not the time to be reactionary/rogue – but to be measured and clear regarding issues and impacts; other stakeholders and representatives of various systems (e.g., hospital sector) are

organizing and advocating against these changes; important for the public to weigh in.

- Lisa VB has advised the Board is preparing a response to CPBAO and can involve Sections for input

ACTION: Lesley to circle back with Lisa and Nicolas to see where our Section can best advocate and recommend a focused engagement of Sections with clinical mandate; Lesley to forward email correspondence to apprise the Section Executive of the specifics of the communications to date.

- AGM Minutes – drafted and circulated for executive review; the group confirmed attendee list does not need to be included as long as confirmation of quorum.

ACTION: Advise Jane/Lesley of any recommendations for revisions by November executive meeting. Minutes to be approved at next AGM.

b) Secretary- Treasurer (Jane)

- No updates – September finance statement not yet received

c) Student Report (Aidan)

- Planning for CPA: discussion re graduate student research symposium or panel discussion this year on either career questions such as public health system sector careers (value-add in hospitals/health centres, patient populations, skills for this level of care related to the 6 core competencies), or debrief on the Ontario College planned changes; Aidan leaning to topical panel for students rather than research symposium for 2026; executive supports this approach; all supported value of collaborative approach with other clinically-related sections.
- Ontario situation – graduate students, postdocs and doctoral trainees are demoralized by Ontario developments –why choose doctoral path, what will recruitment for doctoral trainees look like in future? Important to ground students;they need to hear from profession leadership to provide guidance and context. Not clear how informed academic department faculty and professionals outside of Ontario are on the developments in Ontario and implications for other jurisdictions – greater national situational awareness is needed. Explored leadership directions for Section student rep; perhaps student reps of clinically focused sections could collaborate on a student-focused event to address situational awareness; would need senior profession leads as well – consider Lisa VB and OPA President

ACTION: Lesley to follow up with CCPPP chair to query support and information plan for clinical trainees re Ontario developments.

ACTION: Aidan to further explore panel direction for CPA Montreal 2026 student programming

ACTION: Aidan to connect with Clinical Section Student rep to explore options for joint action such as national webinar (could be CPA student members or more widely for clinical graduate trainees) and/or conference panel.

d) Member at Large items - deferred

e) Communications - section member benefits message (Stephanie) -deferred

f) CPA Conflict of Interest (standing item)

- None declared

4. Bring forward for Decision/Action

g) Virtual townhall re Section activities and advocacy in recruitment/retention- deferred

h) CPA Task force Health Sector recruitment/retention – update (Sean/Lesley) - deferred

i) Ontario College developments (all) - see chair report above for discussion and review

5. New Business
  - a) Executive member openings (Chair Elect; 2 MAL – Kelsey/Joe) - deferred
  - b) 2025/26 Goals - deferred
  - c) CPA 2026 convention planning
    - Section featured session:
      - Panel with prior award recipients on clinical area or professional practice?
      - Clinically focussed panel highlighting specialty practice of psychologists in health system, covering multiple areas; theme of advances in specialist assessment – potentially mental health and medical populations. Can serve to also communicate the essential role of psychologists in health services with complex populations.
    - ACTION: all to consider potential speakers; finalize next meeting
6. Next Meeting                      early November timing, to finalize conference planning (All)
7. Adjournment