



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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 12, 2026

Attended: Sean Kidd, Lesley Graff, Aiden O'Callahan, Stephanie Greenham., Kelsey Collimore, Joe Pellazzari, Jane Heint-Grove

Regrets: Amanda Pontefract; Kerry Mothersill

1. Approval/ Additions to Agenda (All) accepted
2. Approval of Minutes – December 8 2025 previously distributed
3. Reports from Executive
 - a) Chair (Lesley)
 - Virtual townhall confirmed for February 20, and save the date information sent to prior list of community of practice health system psychologist leads
 - Sean and Lesley are presenting at February CCPPP national seminar series for residents *Psychologists in Health Care: a candid conversation about career paths in public service*
 - Revised Section fees were implemented for 2026.
 - Joe was thanked for serving as Section Review Coordinator again this year for the abstract reviews.
 - b) Secretary- Treasurer (Jane)
 - As of January meeting – no new financial statement received
 - ADDENDUM to meeting Financial Report
Year-end report – all payables dispersed; year-end balance \$2105.91. Deficit of \$236.11 for 2025. Year over year comparison yields a decreasing trend in new year opening balance. (opening balance 2025 - \$2342.02; 2024 - \$3001.50; 2023 - \$5074.81). Noted to chair and committee that the group needs to monitor cash balance as the year proceeds and reflect cash levels with conference and other expenses.
 - c) Student Report (Aidan)
 - The joint PPHC and Student section panel on the Future of Clinical Psychology was supported by CPA , likely for the last day of the convention to ensure time and adequate space
 - The student award information will be updated shortly on the website.

- Planning to organize virtual webinar to address residency questions, highlighting residences in health system settings, using current resident facilitators; likely late April to mid-May

d) Member at Large (Joe)

- CPA 2026 submissions for PHHC - a small number of submissions similar to prior years; content was varied; 1 required French language review.
- A special thank you to the reviewers of the abstract submissions - Kesley Collimore, Carole Gentile, Stephanie Greenham, Kirby Huminuik, Marie-jos Lefavre, Aidan O'Callahan, Amanda Pontefract, Steven Smith, Rhonda Stopyn.
- There was discussion regarding ways to engage more submissions, potentially through themes, inviting colleagues close to convention site for next year to submit showcasing local work, let residents know they can submit; ability to check box within another relevant section. Our section is categorized with CPA as 'Workplace'
- Would broader name for Section such as Psychologists in Healthcare better align?
- For whoever serves as Review Coordinator next year: helpful to have reviewers lined up ahead and go in to review and sort as soon as portal open.

e) Communications - no additional items

f) CPA Conflict of Interest (standing item) - none declared

4. Bring forward for Decision/Action

a) Executive member openings (Chair Elect; 2 MAL – Kelsey/Joe); online vote

- Aidan O – confirmed willing to be renewed for another term as Student Rep
- 3 other individuals need to be replaced – 2 general committee members as well as open chair elect
- Group discussed possible individuals who may be a good fit for chair elect, committee members will discuss/approach possible candidates to discuss opportunity
- Sean – raise Chair Elect or MAL opportunity at Task Force group
- Member at large position – an opportunity for a future leader to begin in the MAL role.
- Action:
 1. Committee members to have conversations with possible new members
 2. Consider online vote ahead of AGM – requires at least 6 weeks ahead of the convention

b) CPA Task force Health Sector recruitment/retention – update (Sean/Lesley)

- Position paper was updated with lens of Ontario registration situation. Glenn B. is finalizing document, will provide to Task Force for final review then to CPA board for approval. Public launch will need to be planned/implemented.
- Plan for Task Force to wrap up at convention and 'morph' into Psychologist Leadership in Healthcare Network. Aiming for 2 workshop type meetings for this leadership network before convention to map terms and goals.
- Still working to engage the provincial associations in more of the provinces/territories.
- Expression of appreciation noted to Sean/Lesley and Task Force participants on the committee for keeping this project moving forward.

c) Community of Practice virtual townhall – finalize plan

- Update on Task Force
 - Acknowledgement of regulatory changes; implications for planning and for leads in hospital settings. Currently there are different positions for levels of training (Psychometrist, PA, Psychologist) – consider framework
 - Opportunity to learn from province with multi-level profession approach; how addressed with position and scope in health system jobs – follow up with Alberta colleagues to lead this. Can build on knowledge of jurisdictions with this structure.
 - This meeting will require skillful moderating to ensure focus on the agenda given the current governance climate
 - Aim to facilitate constructive conversation with movement forward/ solutions in the masters/doctoral needs in system
- ACTION: Sean to follow up with potential speakers

5. New Business

a) Section executive 2025/26 Goals

6. Next Meeting - mid-February, Lesley to schedule (All)

7. Adjournment