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Association Welcomes Recommendation to Establish College of Paramedics

2015/03/17 – The Paramedic Association of Manitoba (PAM) is very pleased with Health Minister Sharon Blady’s decision to accept a recommendation that will see the profession of paramedicine move forward to regulation under *The Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)*. In a report delivered to Minister Blady on December 30, 2014, the Health Professions Advisory Council recommends that paramedics be regulated by a College of Paramedics following additional dialogue with and further evidence of satisfactory level of support from practitioners and stakeholders.

PAM applied for professional designation under the RHPA in February 2012. “We sincerely appreciate the time and effort that the Advisory Council put into consideration of our application for self-regulation” said Jodi Possia, Chair of the Association. “The Council has concluded that there needs to be additional evidence brought forth to demonstrate support for self-regulation, and we look forward to and are enthusiastic about organizing that consultation”.

In making its recommendation, HPAC emphasized the need for additional dialogue and consensus-building led by PAM for the purpose of exchanging information and opinions. “Our Association accepts the Council’s position, and looks forward to beginning this process”, adds Possia.

PAM is confident that a cooperative consultation process will result in the attainment of widespread support for a self-regulating paramedicine profession serving the public interest of all Manitobans.

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