



Legacy Council Meeting Highlights

Legacy Council Meeting: June 16, 2026 cvo.org/Council

The Legacy Council met at the College office in Guelph on June 16, 2026. The public is welcome to watch Council via the livestream; please contact the College to attend in-person. Council highlights, minutes, and replays from policy discussions are available at cvo.org/Council. The Legacy Council considered the following items in June:

Program Evaluation of the Peer Review of Medical Records: The Peer Review of Medical Records (PRMR) program promotes quality medical record-keeping through peer assessment, feedback, remediation, and continuous improvement. The Legacy Council reviewed and accepted a report on the program's effectiveness; the research was conducted by Acer Consulting. Overall, the research on outcomes and reassessment data from 2019 to 2024 indicated the PRMR program is achieving its intended outcomes as a quality improvement tool. The research identified several recurring areas of deficiency, including challenges related to assessment and diagnosis documentation, informed client consent, subjective history documentation, and selected record management practices. These same areas were consistently identified by peer reviewers as opportunities for improvement across veterinary practices. Areas of consistent strength in record-keeping are in patient identification, dating of records, general requirements, and medical treatment documentation. The review also found participants see educational value in the process in assisting them with identifying opportunities for improvement.

The research report concluded the PRMR program is contributing to improved veterinary medical record-keeping and is providing value to participating practices and the profession. The report recommendations focus on written prescriptions, reviewer consistency, targeted education for recurring deficiency areas, enhanced educational impact, and ongoing monitoring. The report "Evaluating the Impact of the Peer Review of Medical Records Program," and a replay of the Legacy Council's discussion are posted on the website.

Transition of the Peer Review of Medical Record Program: The Legacy Council also discussed the transition of the PRMR program with the establishment of the College of Veterinary Professionals of Ontario (CVPO). Currently, record-keeping requirements are part of the Ontario Regulation 1093 and expectations in the Professional Practice Standard: Medical Records under the Veterinarians Act. The CVPO includes a new mandatory quality assurance program. The College is attentive to the transition to ensure any necessary reassessments would be complete before proclamation of the CVPO. It is anticipated the requirements and expectations for record-keeping of members under the Veterinary Professionals Act will move from regulation to College policy.

The Legacy Council discussed the options for the transition and decided to have an additional random selection for the PRMR this year. The new Quality Assurance Committee will recommend whether the PRMR will continue as part of the CVPO's quality assurance program. A replay of the Legacy Council's discussion on the PRMR is available on the College website.

Year 3 Strategy 2026: The Legacy Council reviewed the Year 3 Outcomes Report for its current strategic plan, Strategy 2026. The College continues to make progress on its five strategic objectives. In its objective to champion legislative reform, progress continues towards implementation of the Veterinary Professionals Act with policy development, minor legislative amendments, program development and communications. In the area of improving access to veterinary services, work includes the national pilot project on limited licensure, a project

focused on leveraging team-based care, education on spectrum of care, a shelter medicine advisory group, and an advisory group exploring workforce data. For the objective focused on creating space for innovation and technology, achievements include regulatory sandbox projects bringing innovative approaches to care delivery. The fourth objective is promoting the importance of One Health. Work in this area includes improving access to veterinary care in First Nations communities in Northern Ontario and continued work in antimicrobial stewardship. And the last objective, focusing regulation on people and context, includes ongoing work with the Ontario Collaborative for Well-being in Veterinary Medicine, training on inclusivity, and a people and context lens to aid with reviewing programs and policies. The year 3 outcomes report is posted on the College website.