

May 21, 2020

Dear Executive Committee Members:

We, individual members of the Professional Issues Advisory Committee, are writing to make the following recommendation to the Executive Committee.

We are writing a joint letter because the advisory role of our committee has been suspended.

Lacking a formal way to provide our collective advice we are instead opting to communicate with the Executive Committee by letter.

We recommend that:

The BCTF no longer suspend advisory committees and return to regular meetings of advisory committees that are:

(a) Accessible with a remote option available until the pandemic is over, or there is effective treatment for COVID-19 (with regular in-person meetings returning once feasible);

(b) Similar in length, process, and frequency to meetings held prior to the pandemic (i.e. meetings are generally held on the same days of the week as before and with the same level of release time provided), or adjusted as determined by a committee, based on agenda or meeting platform (i.e. video, phone, in-person/mixed-remote, etc.); and

(c) Tasked by the Executive Committee to develop recommendations and advice on all relevant matters, especially including issues related to the pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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