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SUBJECT: **2004 PROVINCIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES (CS)
PATIENT CARE COMPETITION**

***** PLEASE READ CAREFULLY *****

The 2004 District/Provincial CS Patient Care Competition will be held Sunday, March 7, 2004. As in the past, these competitions will be conducted at separate venues across the province.

PROVINCIAL CS PATIENT CARE COMPETITIONS

TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams will consist of *TWO* qualified CS members from the same CS Unit with the option of having *ONE* spare. (i.e. teams are not required to have a spare unless they wish to designate one). Be advised that winning teams that meet the applicable entry criteria will be invited to compete at the 2004 International Brigade Patient Care Competitions in May 2004, and at the Ontario Open First Aid Competitions that will be held in the fall of 2004.

*** * * International Brigade Patient Care Competition Considerations * * ***

(Note Provincial Intermediate Team considerations)

As you may or may not know, the 2004 National Brigade Patient Care Competition does not offer an Intermediate category. Since the March 7, 2004 Ontario Provincial/District competition will determine which Ontario teams will represent our province at our National competition, it is imperative that all Intermediate teams, their coaches and their Divisional Superintendents realize how their scores and placement will be considered to determine whether they will represent Ontario at the Internationals. International Brigade Patient Care Competition Categories are Junior, Senior and Open. Each of these International category teams is comprised of 4 team members. For the purposes of our 2004 Provincial/District Patient Care Competition:

Intermediate Teams that are entirely comprised of team members (including the optional spare) who are **each under the age of 16 as of May 18, 2004** will have their team score and standing considered against all Junior team scores in the Province. The winning team will represent the Province at the International Junior level and be expected to supplement their existing team with an additional two qualifying team members.

Intermediate Teams that have **any** team members (including the optional spare) who are **16 years of age and over as of May 18, 2004** will **not** be considered for the International Junior Level. These Intermediate teams may have their score and standing considered against Senior team scores in the Province only if **all members (including the optional spare) hold a valid BTS Level 1 qualification**. The winning team will represent the Province at the Senior level and be expected to supplement their existing team with an additional two qualifying team members.

***** International Brigade Patient Care Competition Considerations *****
(*Note Health Care Professional considerations*)

SJA CS members will *NOT* be restricted from the 2004 Provincial CS Patient Care Competitions due to their instructor and/or health care professional status, however there are restrictions on health care professionals competing in the Senior Category of the International Brigade Patient Care Competitions. Health care professionals (MDs, RNs, RPNs, EMCAs, EMAs, EMTs, Ambulance officers, etc.) may only compete at the National level in the Advanced (Open) Category.

PROVINCIAL CS PATIENT CARE COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Teams may compete in *ONE* of the three following categories:

Senior:	No age restriction
Intermediate:	17 years of age and under as of January 1, 2004
Junior:	14 years of age and under as of January 1, 2004

Please note that there are no gender specific categories in Provincial CS Patient Care Competitions. Teams may be composed of males, females, or both.

For your information, the Ontario Open First Aid Competition does categorize teams by gender.

Senior teams must hold a current Brigade Training System (BTS) Level 1 (or higher) certification. Intermediate teams must hold current qualifications of a Standard First Aid Certificate (or higher): It is recommended that Intermediate teams be trained to the level of Brigade Training System (BTS) Level 1. Junior teams must hold a current Emergency First Aid (or higher) certification.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PATIENT CARE SCENARIOS ARE DEVELOPED BASED ON BTS LEVEL 1 STANDARDS.

PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT

Each team is responsible for providing it's own patient care equipment.

JUDGING

Scenarios will be designed on an "all - or - nothing" scoring basis with minimal requirements for Judges' discretion.

Judges shall be:

- a) Currently certified St. John Ambulance First Aid Instructors (ICP) and/or Brigade Assessment Process Evaluators who hold a current BTS Level 1 certification (or equivalent qualifications). It is preferred that they have competition experience (competitor, coach or judge) and have attended a Competition Judge's Workshop.

OR

- b) Adult CS members who hold a current BTS Level 1 certification, have competition experience (competitor, coach or judge), and have successfully completed a Competition Judge's Workshop.

TWO judges will be required for each competition team.

Judges must possess the physical ability to effectively assess the words and actions of each competing participant.

PATIENTS AND SIMULATIONS

Patient (casualty) simulation will be used to enhance the quality of the competition scenario.

When possible, the age and gender of the patients should reflect that of the age and gender of the patient in the competition scenario.

Simulators, when possible, should be the same gender as the patients they are preparing.

LOCATION

The location will be determined by the following needs as dictated by the nature of the competition:

1. Easily accessible by transportation
2. Accommodation/feeding of participants (if required)
3. Large staging area for competitions
4. Registration area
5. Team briefing room
6. Judges' briefing room
7. Simulation room
8. Patient holding area
9. Scoring area
10. Storage for equipment or props (if required)
11. Dining area (if required)

2004 DISTRICT/PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

The competition will be composed of *TWO* patient care scenarios (designed to BTS Level 1 standards), involving *ONE* patient per team per scenario.

While there is no restriction on the number of teams that may enter District Competitions, the District Commissioner may at his/her discretion request that regional elimination competitions be held prior to the DISTRICT/PROVINCIAL Competitions.

District Commissioners will be responsible for the staging of the District/Provincial Competition, including the registration of all competing participants. They are to appoint a supervising judge who will be responsible for the briefing judges, simulators, patients

and teams. This judge must meet the requirements for judging the 2004 patient care competitions.

These judges may be involved in scenario development, and will be briefed by the Provincial Training Officer, or designate prior to the day of the competition.

The Provincial Training Officer will arrange to have results forwarded to him immediately following the competitions. For the purpose of determining the Provincial winners, the following results will be required from each Area following the competition:

The total (sum) of scenarios 1 and 2 for the highest scoring team in each of the *THREE* categories (junior, intermediate, and senior). All other marks and documentation will be retained by the District Commissioner or designate. In the event of a tie, total marks for patient care at various stages will be used to break ties.

Each District's highest scoring team in each of the *three* categories will be compared to determine the over-all provincial winning teams.

Official release of the results will occur on Monday, March 8, 2004. We continue to encourage members to use the competition's process as a learning experience, and therefore, will allow members to request blank copies of the marking guides from the Community Services Department at Council following the competitions.

Teams will be permitted to receive their marking guides one month following the competition, with no recourse to change the marks or alter the results.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each category at the provincial level will win respective Provincial CS Patient Care trophies. 1st place teams will be invited to participate in the International Brigade Patient Care Competitions (see note on first page regarding International Brigade Patient Care Competitions) in May 2004, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams will be invited to compete in the Ontario Open First Aid Competition in the fall of 2004.

Winning provincial teams will be required to register for the International and Provincial Open Competitions.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance or guidance. Sample scenarios are available on-line at the Community Services Web-sites or by contacting the Community Services Department at Council.