

TO: Council

FROM: Governance Committee

DATE: October 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Support for the College of Nurses of Ontario's Vision 2020

☒ For Decision

☐ For Information

☐ Monitoring Report

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**Purpose:**

To review proposed CNO letter of support recommended by the Governance Committee.

**Background:**

On May 29, 2019, Council requested that the Governance Committee prepare a response in support of the CNO's [Vision 2020 governance transformation plan](#). The letter is attached.

**Recommendation:**

That council review the proposed letter and approve the draft to be sent the Ministry of Health.

[DATE]

The Honourable Christine Elliott, M.P.P.  
Minister of Health and Deputy Premier of Ontario  
Hepburn Block, 10th Floor, 80 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Elliott,

**Re: Support for the College of Nurses of Ontario's Vision 2020**

The College of Opticians of Ontario (COO) has reviewed the submission to you from the College of Nurses of Ontario dated January 8, 2019 regarding its vision for modernizing regulatory governance in Ontario. We applaud the extensive work and research undertaken by the College of Nurses in developing their proposed reforms. The COO agrees that regulatory governance requires modernization to be more responsive to changing patient needs and preferences and supports the spirit of the proposed objectives for reform articulated by the College of Nurses. Furthermore, we believe that moving in tandem with other colleges and the government is the best way forward.

To that end, the COO's Governance Committee has been tasked with conducting a fulsome review of the College of Nurses' reforms in order to make recommendations on developing a blueprint for the COO.

The COO is taking active steps to achieve reform within the current legislative framework where flexibility exists within our by-laws. We are examining opportunities to modernize our governance structures and practice, recognizing that meaningful governance change may require amendments to the current legislative framework.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. In addition, the COO would welcome the opportunity to be consulted as you move forward with your important work to modernize the governance and oversight of the health professions.

Sincerely,

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College of Opticians of Ontario

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Council President  
College of Opticians of Ontario

cc. Helen Angus, Deputy Minister of Health  
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