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Self-regulation is a privilege, and I support transparent oversight of our profession to sustain public confidence in overseeing safe, high-quality care for them, and ensuring the ongoing ability to self-regulate. My lived experiences in urban, suburban and rural Ontario, working with diverse sociodemographic groups within the constraints of varied resources, provides a unique perspective of the barriers and challenges faced by the public and providers in those areas. The CPSO Board Director position provides opportunity to reflect those perspectives when advancing the CPSO's mandate of public safety and protection.

My unique experiences have provided opportunity to engage and learn in environments not typical of most applicants. Prior to medicine, I had 20 years of non-medical work as a miner through to middle management supervisory roles in industry and healthcare. My clinical work has involved extensive work in comprehensive family practice, emergency, in-patient care, corrections, addictions and coronial work in rural and urban Ontario. The populations extended across all age groups, and experiences with marginalized and racialized populations (mostly through corrections and coroner), and my current work providing access gender affirming care and transitions for LGBTQ2S+ persons. Recently my completion of Indigenous Cultural Safety training has augmented my understanding of indigenous peoples' unmet needs, and my interest in advancing equity and inclusion through understanding.

Beyond clinical medicine, I have extensive Board experience: Volunteer board member for the Thames Valley Family Health Team; past executive board member of the Ontario Medical Association as their Secretary then Treasurer (Chair of Finance/Audit), as well as associated committee leadership; College of Family Physicians of Canada; and, a founding co-chair of the Ontario Family Medicine Alliance.

My recently completed MSc in Health Economics, Policy and Management from London School of Economics rounds out my understanding of health policy and factors influencing behaviours, motivators, and costs.