



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL

The transitional Council held its 11th meeting on November 29, 2010. Sixteen members of the public and the TCM community observed the proceedings.

The transitional Council made the following decisions:

Consultation of Draft Regulations

The *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA)* requires that a draft regulation be circulated for public consultation, allowing 60 days for comments. The transitional Council circulated its draft regulations on Registration and Professional Misconduct on September 2, 2010 and posted on its website for [public consultation](#). The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care also posted the summaries of these regulations on the Regulatory Registry, setting a comment due date on November 27, 2010.

The transitional Council authorized the Executive Committee to review all comments received up until November 27 in early December. The Executive Committee will make recommendations to Council on whether revisions are necessary to the draft regulations. If substantial changes are necessary, the draft regulations will be circulated again for 60-day public consultation.

Work Plan for 2011 - 2013

Council approved the proposed work plan and budget for the period from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2013.

The proposed work plan aims at completing development and approval of the draft regulations on Registration, Professional Misconduct, and Quality Assurance by 2013 to start registration of members to establish the College. To help practitioners prepare for registration, the transitional Council will develop and offer Safety Courses, Jurisprudence Courses and registration guidance sessions. It will also develop standards on inspection, safety and infection control, record keeping, conflict of interest, patient relations and professional ethics. Development of prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR) tools and processes which began in October 2010 will continue to the summer of 2011.

The transitional Council plans to collaborate with members of the Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies of TCMA/ (CARB-ACOR) to develop a national examination and define the competencies of Dr. TCM.

The transitional Council received for information:

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Project - Progress

The intent of Grandparented Registration is to register currently practising TCM practitioners who meet the basic registration requirements without causing major disruption to patient care while ensuring patient safety.

Grandparented Registration is available for a limited time. A Grandparented member may choose to apply for Full Registration at any time within five years after his/her registration with the College.

To gain Full Registration, a Grandparented member has to provide proof of additional clinical experience and complete PLAR to prove that he/she has the skills, knowledge, professional and language abilities. The transitional Council has engaged Curriculum Services Canada (CSC) to develop the PLAR tools and processes. The CSC consultants will be working with TCM content experts and language advisors to design the tools and processes.

The initial proposed framework recognizes the diverse education, training and experience of current practitioners. It allows candidates to follow different but equivalent pathways to demonstrate how their prior learning, past and current experiences relate to the practice competencies required to provide safe, quality and ethical care to patients. The assessment will help applicants reflect on their current and previous experiences, formal and informal learning to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and abilities. To assist applicants, clear expectations and standards of the process will be published and resource materials will be provided.

A third party will be engaged to conduct the assessment independent of the transitional Council. All Grandparented members applying for Full registration, including TCM members on the transitional Council will undergo the same assessment process.

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