



Highlights of the 12th Meeting of the Transitional Council

The transitional Council held its 12th meeting on January 17th, 2011. Seventeen members of the public and the TCM community observed the proceedings.

The transitional Council made the following decisions:

Defer Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees to a Future Council Meeting

The transitional Council decided to defer the election of officers and the appointment of members to committees until the second Council meeting after at least five other members have been appointed to the Council or to the last regular Council meeting of 2011, whichever comes first.

Submission of Revised draft Registration Regulation and the Draft Professional Misconduct Regulation to MOHLTC

The transitional Council approved submission of the original draft Professional Misconduct Regulation and the revised draft Registration Regulation to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for government and Cabinet approval.

The submitted draft Registration Regulation and draft Professional Misconduct Regulation will be available on the transitional Council website: <http://www.ctcmpao.on.ca> for public information.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) – Process Framework

The transitional Council approved the independent consultant team, Curriculum Services Canada's proposed PLAR process framework which allows Grandparented members applying for Full Registration to demonstrate their competencies through:

- Experience and training inventory (ETI);
- Portfolio review; and/or
- Oral assessment –structured interview

The proposed process allows a candidate to go through different routes. If a candidate's ETI demonstrates that he/she has met the required competencies, he/she may not need to go through oral assessment.

Business Plan for 2011 - 2013

The transitional Council approved its business plan and budget for 2011-2013. It plans to achieve the following strategic goals:

- To complete development of the Registration Regulation, Professional Misconduct Regulation and the required tools, processes, policies, standards and programs to start receiving registration applications from current practicing professionals by 2012;
- To develop Quality Assurance Regulation and Program;
- To establish effective communication capabilities to disseminate accurate and consistent information to the public and stakeholders;
- To continue development of policies and systems for governance and office management.

To help practitioners prepare for registration, the transitional Council gave approval to start development of a Safety Program in collaboration with the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia (CTCMA-BC) and a Jurisprudence Course with Mr. R. Steinecke, legal counsel.

The transitional Council received information on:

Development of Quality Assurance Regulation

Mr. R. Steinecke presented an overview of the Quality Assurance Regulation. He advised that it is mandatory that all health regulatory colleges under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* have in place a Quality Assurance Regulation. The Regulation provides a framework for development of a Quality Assurance Program.

The purpose of the Program is to ensure registered members of a College, to maintain practice standards and continue to improve their competencies as changes in practice environment and technologies take place. It is not meant to be punitive but help members enhance their skills and knowledge.. The Program would include components like self-assessment, continuing education and professional development. It would also include peer and practice assessments.

The MOHLTC requires that the transitional Council develops the Quality Assurance Regulation and Program before proclamation of the College.

Activities of the Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies for TCM/A (CARB-ACOR)

CARB-ACOR is applying to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRDSC) for funding of a phase III project to further facilitate the mobility of registered TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists in Canada.

The proposed project will be for 27 months with components including but not limited to:

- Development and implementation of Pan-Canadian registration examinations for TCM practitioners and Acupuncturists, and Dr.TCM
- Development of occupational competencies and performance indicators for registration of Dr.TCM
- Development of online self-assessment tools for Canadian and internationally educated TCM professionals