



Highlights of the 15th Meeting of the Transitional Council

The Transitional Council held its 15th meeting on September 19, 2011. Fourteen members of the public, media and TCM community came to observe the proceedings.

The transitional Council made the following decisions:

Support for Consultant Engagement

The Transitional Council approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee to recruit a consultant to design the tools and procedures needed to assess applicant qualifications against the “Entry-level Occupational Competencies for the Practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Canada”. The Council also approved the use of a third-party agency to conduct the assessment of applicant qualifications using the Council’s approved evaluation tools and processes to ensure that the registration process remains fair, impartial, transparent and objective.

The transitional Council received information and discussed the following matters:

Update on the 2011-2013 Workplan

We are proceeding to develop policies for registration and are hoping to be able to start pre-registration process by the summer of 2012. Additionally, the plan is to offer the Jurisprudence and Safety Program in Spring 2012. Applicant must successfully complete these two programs before submitting application for registration.

City of Toronto Council Repeal Licence of TCM

Following meetings with the Transitional Council, the City of Toronto Council has decided to repeal provisions of the Toronto Municipal Code which would have allowed the City to offer TCM practitioners business licences.

Quality Assurance Regulation Consultation

Consultation on Quality Assurance regulation is still open until September 30th. Thus far, we have received 50 replies, with the vast majority of respondents agreeing that the intent of the draft regulation is clear. Additionally, 97% or all respondents said that they support the implementation of a basic Quality Assurance program.

Submission to CPSO’s Redrafted Policy on Non-Allopathic Therapies in Medical Practice

The Transitional Council submitted comments on the CPSO’ redrafted complementary medicine policy, *Non-Allopathic (Non-Conventional) Therapies in Medical Practice*. While the Council supports the general approach of the policy, they made a few recommendations promoting more inter-professional collaboration.

Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists (CARB-ACOR) Update

CARB-ACOR has requested funding from the HRSDC for the continued development of national examinations on TCM practice, hopefully to be completed by 2013.

Provincial Government Press Release

The Ontario Government affirmed its commitment to regulating Traditional Chinese Medicine with a press statement on September 1, 2011. To view the full article, please see:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/release/2011/sep/nr_20110901_1.aspx