



## Highlights of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Transitional Council

The Transitional Council held its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting on April 30, 2012. Seventeen members of the public and the TCM community came to observe the proceedings.

### Transitional Council Relation with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

As of April 1, 2012, the transitional Council is handling its own finance, operations and human resources. It signed the Transfer Payment Agreement with the government on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2012 with the government. It expects to sign with the government a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) soon. The MOU sets out the accountability relationships between the transitional Council and the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

### Ministry Review of the Proposed Registration and Professional Misconduct Regulations

The Ministry will forward both regulations to legislative counsel for legal drafting after resolving the outstanding policy issues with the transitional Council.

### Safety Program

The content of the Safety Course is being reviewed and will soon be finalized. The course will provide information on Infection Prevention and Control, Risk Management, Safe Procedures and Processes for Acupuncture and Safe Procedures for and Processes for TCM Herbology.

### Jurisprudence Course

The transitional Council will offer the course as soon as it is practicable. Legal counsel had already completed development of the course handbook and assessment questions in January 2012.

### Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

The transitional Council received an update report on the PLAR processes submitted by the Consultant, Curriculum Services Canada (CSC). It approved in principle the proposed assessment processes. CSC is currently testing the tools and processes to ensure that they are fair, valid, reliable and efficient.

### Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies for TCM Practitioners/Acupuncturists (CARB-ACOR)

The transitional Council approved the draft By-Law No.1 of CARB-ACOR and appointed the President and Registrar to represent the College on CARB-ACOR.

### Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)

The transitional Council invited Ms. Marcia O'Connor, Manager of Building Accessibility Program, People Access to give an overview of *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* and the requirements of organizations to comply by January 1, 2012. To ensure compliance, the transitional Council approved the College's Customer Service Accessibility Policy.

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