

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL

The Transitional Council held its 3rd meeting on March 3, 2009. Eighteen people from the public and TCM community observed the proceedings.

During the meeting, the Transitional Council made the following decisions:

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

In November 2008, the regulatory bodies for TCM practitioners and/or Acupuncturists from British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec agreed to work collaboratively as *The Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists* (CARB) for the purpose of promoting quality practice and labour mobility through collaborative activities in the public interest. Ontario and Newfoundland were invited to join.

The Transitional Council approved CTCMPAO's participation as a member of the organization.

TCM Competencies Development Project Committee

One of the projects that CARB is undertaking in 2009 is the drafting of competencies for TCM practitioners.

A Project Committee comprised of two experienced practitioners from each member province is to be established to work with a Consultant to draft the competencies, develop a validation survey and review the results of the validation survey to finalize the draft competencies for the consideration of the regulators in each province.

The Transitional Council directed the Registrar to extend invitations for nominations/applications from TCM Associations, educational institutions and TCM practitioners. A panel of three Council members will interview and select the two best candidates for appointment to the Project Committee before March 23, 2009.

The criteria for appointment to the Project Committee, as determined by CARB, are:

- expertise in TCM herbology
- at least 5 years of TCM practice experience in Canada
- educational expertise
- ability to work in the English language (in order to review literature, documents and participate in discussion and writing of competencies)
- availability of time to participate in meetings and conference calls

Negotiation on Funding with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC)

The Transitional Council approved in principal the signing of an MOU and Loan Agreement with MOHLTC subject to satisfactory completion of outstanding items.

2009-2011 Operating Budget

The Transitional Council adopted the revised 2009-2011 Operating Budget proposed by the Finance Committee.

Committee Terms of Reference: Finance and Professional Practice/Standards

The Transitional Council approved the terms of references of its by-law committees: Professional Practices/Standards Committee and Finance Committee.

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