

## Highlights of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Transitional Council

The transitional Council held its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting on November 23, 2009. Twenty-six members of the public and the TCM community observed the proceedings.

### Regulations Development Update

#### Registration Regulation

The Chair of the Registration Committee and the Legal Counsel of the Transitional Council presented an overview on progress made in the drafting of the Registration Regulation. The draft provides a conceptual framework that will still be discussed in further detail by Committee and Council and with policy analysts of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. There will be back and forth revisions to the draft. In the coming months, we shall work hard to identify performance indicators, develop prior learning assessment tools and processes for grandparented applicants with varying experience and knowledge background, develop criteria to approve courses and establish examinations and criteria for clinical experience programs.

#### General Regulation

We are still consulting the Ministry on policies relating to the draft General Regulation, which includes: Part I: Professional Misconduct; Part II: Conflict of Interest; Part III: Record Keeping and Part IV: Inspection Program.

The Professional Practices/Standards Committee is drafting guidelines on advertising and standards for record keeping, which are expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

### Inter-Provincial Collaboration: Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists (CARB)

#### *Entry-Level Occupational Competencies for the Practice of TCM in Canada*

The Transitional Council approved in principle the *Entry-Level Occupational Competencies for the Practice of TCM in Canada* developed by CARB as completion of the second phase development of the Pan-Canadian occupational standards for TCM.

#### Development of Sub-Competencies, Performance Indicators and Assessment/Education Blueprints

CARB received funding from the federal government to develop sub-competencies and performance indicators that would allow TCM and acupuncture regulators across Canada to use the occupational competencies for registration assessment and education program review. A team of consultants led by David Cane (consultant), Warren Fisher (member of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncturists of British Columbia) and Danny Li (practitioner from Ontario), will research and develop the sub-competencies and performance indicators for recommendation to the CARB Steering Committee. It is anticipated that the subsequent Pan-Canadian examination will include both written and practical components.

### Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Project

The Transitional Council decided to discontinue the project as additional funds would not be available from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. All consultants who had responded to the Request for Proposal were notified. The Council is currently seeking alternative funding sources and plans to pursue the project.

## **Development of Performance/Behavioural Indicators**

### **Invitation from Ryerson University**

The Transitional Council decided to accept an invitation to partner with the Prior Learning and Competency Evaluation and Documentation (PLACED) Program of Ryerson University's G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education to develop performance/behavioural indicators for the assessment of TCM practitioners. The project would use as its foundation the *Entry-Level Occupational Competencies for the Practice of TCM in Canada* developed by CARB. PLACED will fund all costs related to the consultant, administration and coordination of the project, while the Council will provide subject matter experts to work with the specialist consultant on the Project Advisory Committee and Focus Group.

## **2008/09 Audit Report**

The Transitional Council accepted the audit report and audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 presented by KPMG Chartered Accountants. The Transitional Council decided to continue to have KPMG Chartered Accountants audit the financial statements of Council for the 2009-2010 financial year.

## **Procurement Policy**

The Transitional Council is included in the provincial government's Management Board of Cabinet's procurement directive as an "Other Included Entity". As such, it is necessary to establish a procurement policy in compliance with the directive. The Transitional Council approved an interim procurement policy to allow operations to move forward, pending feedback from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

## **Information Sessions**

To assist TCM Practitioners to prepare for registration, the Transitional Council directed the Registrar to work with the Communications Committee to develop and hold information sessions for TCM practitioners.