



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL

The transitional Council held its 9th meeting on April 19, 2010. Twenty-six members of the public and the TCM community observed the proceedings.

The following decisions were made:

Harassment Policy

Council received and approved guidelines and procedures pertaining to harassment. The policy was developed by legal counsel at the request of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). The Council adopted these guidelines to make it clear that all those dealing with the College can work in a respectful and professional environment.

Work Plan and Budget

The updated work plan, business plan and budget for the period from April 1, 2010-March 31, 2011, were approved for submission to MiOHLTC. Key activities include:

- Revision and consultation on the draft Registration Regulation and General Regulations, with subsequent submission of the proposed regulations to MOHLTC by August 2010;
- Development and approval of draft policies, standards/guidelines on: conflict of interest, professional conduct, infection control and safety, sexual abuse prevention and record keeping. Council gave approval to allocate funds from its budget to engage the services of consultant(s) to undertake research and drafting before the end of the fiscal year;
- Development and approval of Prior Learning Assessment tools and procedures;
- Development of a handbook for registration;
- Development of a jurisprudence handbook;
- Offering programs to assist the TCM community in preparing for regulation and registration; and
- **Inter-Provincial Collaboration: Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists (CARB)**

The transitional Council will continue to work with the provincial regulators with funding from HRSDC. Beginning in May, CARB will

- validate the draft *Performance Indicators for Assessment of TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists*
- develop blueprint for an inter-jurisdictional registration examination
- develop outcome-based requirements for TCM education programs
- develop occupational competencies and performance indicators for the Dr. TCM title

Appointments to the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) Technical Committee ISO/TC249 Traditional Chinese Medicine

J. Fu and the Registrar were appointed to represent the Transitional Council on the Standards Council of Canada Technical Committee ISO/TC249 Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Committee Chairs

The following Committee Chairs were appointed:

- J. Pritchard-Sobhani, Registration Committee
- E. Wilson, Professional Practice/Standards Committee
- E. Hanna, Communications Committee

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Outcome of Pre-consultation Working Sessions on the Draft Registration Regulation

The transitional Council held three pre-consultation working sessions on March 24 and 25, 2010. All sessions were facilitated by an independent consultant to engage participants in constructive discussions and to obtain suggestions on key issues.

Before participants proceeded to discussion, legal counsel provided an overview of the legislation making process, presented the draft regulation and answered questions from participants.

The facilitator reported that the sessions achieved their goals of informing, clarifying and starting dialogue with stakeholders to obtain feedback on key issues of the draft Registration Regulation. It was regrettable that discussion time in two sessions was reduced because of disruptive behaviour on the part of individuals. However, the questions and answers segment of each session allowed for clarification of misinformation and generated excellent comments. The working group discussion allowed participants from different backgrounds, cultures and languages to engage in lively dialogue that generated useful recommendations on the draft and future consultation initiatives. The questions and discussions primarily focused in the areas of:

- grandparenting
- acupuncture practice, including the practice of other health professionals
- language issues
- doctor title
- prior learning assessment, portfolio and oral assessments
- training, education and approval of schools
- labour mobility within Canada
- how other jurisdictions approach regulation of traditional Chinese medicine

Next Steps

Participants' comments and suggestions in these sessions were recorded. The facilitator forwarded these records to the transitional Council. These records, along with feedback delivered to the Registrar by email, fax and mail on or before April 23, 2010, will be reviewed by the Registration and Executive Committees. With the support of legal counsel, the Committee will make appropriate revisions to the draft Regulation for onward submission to Council.

Formal 60-day consultation of the final revised draft will take place later this year, before submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in August.

Drafting of General Regulation

The Professional Practice/Standards Committee will be ready to present the draft General Regulation with the accompanying explanations and rationale for consultation with stakeholders to begin as soon as it completes review and Council gives approval to start the process.