

Federation of Associations of Counselling Therapists of Manitoba

Introductory Meeting

November 18, 2016

6:00 pm Potluck

7:00 pm Meeting

Present: Don Russell (PACCP), Stepan Bilynskyy (CASC), Sarah Kroeker (MTAM), Kevin MacDonald (MFTA), Csilla Przibislawsky (NADTA), Louise Blanchard (CCPA), Tim Frymier (CASC), Adri Leinberger (CATA), Judith Burch (Provincial Spiritual Care), Melody Newcomb (MTAM), Mintie Grienke (CCPA), Candace Reinsch (CCPA)

Regrets: Susannah-Joy Schuilenberg (CPCA), Bill Thomas (CCPA), Beth Sawatsky (CASC), Jaclyn Sorenson (MTAM), Tanis Dyck (CATA), Jacqueline Wong (PACCP), Barbara Woods (CCPA)

Introductions:

Tim Frymier from Canadian Association of Spiritual Care (CASC). Representing the president.

Judith Burch (Provincial Spiritual Care/ Spiritual Director). Attending the meeting in an informal capacity.

Adriana Leinberger from Canadian Art Therapist Association (CATA). Chair of CATA registration committee.

Csilla Przibislawsky from North American Drama Therapists Association (NADTA). Canadian representative.

Candace Reinsch from Canadian Counsellors and Psychotherapists Association (CCPA). FACT-MB Communication Chair.

Mintie Grienke from CCPA. FACT-MB Vice Chair.

Stepan Bilynskyy from CASC.

Louise Blanchard from CCPA. President Elect for CCPA.

Kevin MacDonald from Manitoba Association of Marriage and Family Therapists Association (MAMFT). FACT-MB Treasurer.

Melody Newcomb from Music Therapy Association of Manitoba (MTAM).

Don Russell from Professional Association of Canadian Christian Counsellors and Psychotherapists (PACCP). FACT-MB Chair.

Sarah Kroeker from MTAM. FACT-MB Secretary.

Background Highlights

- There has been discussion among a small number of associations since 2011
- Momentum has grown in the past two years.
- Working with Barbara MacCallum to learn from the Ontario process.
- Conversations have also been had with the Nova Scotia College of Counselling Therapists.
- Nationally and specifically in Western Canada there is momentum in creating regulatory bodies and there has been presented the opportunity to borrow materials for our applications.

Work Thus Far:

-Draft Memorandum of Understanding – this document is the basis of agreement for all associations working together.

- the nature of the document reflects the small size of our federation.

- it is a living document

 - openable for others to join the federation

 - flexible for adjustment by voting members the federation

-Draft of the Definition and Scope of Practice

- lots of work involved in creating this document thus far

- built from many sources

-Website: www.fact-manitoba.org

- the FAQ has answers to many questions that association members may have.

-Moving forward:

- There is opportunity to borrow materials for the application from other provinces (eg. the competencies profile from BC).

- BC highly invested in this process in their province and have expressed their interest in help other.

 - The spirit of working together, collaboration will be an asset to this process.

Mission/Vision:

Mission: Protection of the Public.

- The mission is NOT legitimizing our own professions.

Task: submitting an application for self-regulation under the Regulated Health Professions Act.

Vision: Establishing a College

Path Ahead:

- Adding associations to the Federation. Inclusiveness is key.

ACTION: each association must formally appoint a person (and an alternate) as representatives as soon as possible. This must be documented by member associations' board.

- FACT-MB is a federation of associations. FACT-MB voting members (and alternates) represent their associations.

- in the interim: individuals can participate as observers on behalf of their associations.

 - “Observe” means you can contribute to the conversation while not having a vote until official sanction has been given.

ACTION: please look over and review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Definition and Scope of Practice with your board executives.

-Feel free to contact committee members with more familiarity with the process toward regulation if you have questions.

-Some committee members may be available to speak to you membership about the process and what self-regulation is/means and to answer membership questions.

Questions/Answers:

-Grandfathering? – Grandfathering is later in the process after the legislation is passed. A transitional council (or something similar) would likely be involved to start grandfathering.

-Money? –According to the MOU costs for this process will be shared between associations based on the proportion of the membership of each association. (MOU 12, 13)

-The cost incurred in NS was ~\$50,000. Ontario has spent much more

-RHPA – a template that professions can slot into. We don't need a bill to pass our legislation. This is simpler and theoretically less expensive than elsewhere.

-How many practitioners are represented by FACT-MB? ~450 members

-MOU indicates that member associations need to have ethics adjudication process and an ethics profile.

-FACT-MB is the place where the vigorous dialogue about the Standards of Practice.

NEXT MEETING: January 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm Miseracordia Health Centre 7th Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sarah Kroeker BMT, MTA
Secretary FACT-MB

Enclosed:

Memorandum of Understanding
Scope of Practice and Definition
Competencies Profile from BC
RHPA application
PowerPoint Presentation