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College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario
Ordre des psychothérapeutes autorisés de l'Ontario

Council Meeting Highlights June 23, 2016

At its June 23 meeting, Council approved the circulation of two practice standards for stakeholder consultation, adopted a policy on posting the names of non-members using a restricted title, and made further committee appointments.

Professional Practice Standards

The Inquiries, Complaints, and Reports Committee (ICRC) has developed a new professional practice standard in response to a directive from the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to take steps to prevent the practice of so-called 'conversion' or 'reparative' therapy. The standard also describes valid services that Members may provide, such as supporting a client's exploration of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

ICRC also recommended changes to standard 3.1, Confidentiality. This was in response to concerns from Registered Psychotherapists working in team-based settings. The amendment would allow RPs working in team-based health-care settings to obtain oral (and not solely written) consent to disclose client information to other health-care practitioners on the team.

A 60-day consultation period will take place for both standards. Consultation materials will be available on the College website shortly.

Publishing Names of Unauthorized Practitioners

Council adopted a formal policy for publishing the names of non-members who use protected titles or hold out as qualified to practise as a psychotherapist.

Names will be posted on the College website when the College begins legal proceedings against an individual. This will only happen after the non-member has been given opportunities to cease using protected titles and/or holding out.

Committee Membership

Council made several additional appointments to College committees. This was in response to the appointment of a new Public Council Member, Steven Stijacic, as well as to meet committee composition requirements under CRPO By-laws.

To see the list of College Committees and members, click [here](#).