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The Project to Establish The College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba

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1. On June 11, 2009, the Manitoba Legislature passed the Regulated Health Professions Act. This legislation brings the 22 health professions that are regulated by 21 different acts under one umbrella act which will continue to place the interests of patients and the public at the centre of the regulatory process. This legislation will provide consistency in the powers and duties that government delegates to all the regulatory bodies, while strengthening patient safety, transparency and accountability to the public.
2. In addition to putting all regulated health professions on the same regulatory footing, two other main objectives of the legislation are to:
 - Offer more effective protection for the public by regulating actions or clinical procedures that may present a risk of harm if performed by someone who is not adequately trained. These are called reserved acts, and only specific professions, including audiologists and speech-language pathologists will be authorized to perform specific actions and procedures
 - Remove barriers to interdisciplinary practice
3. The MSHA Board will remain in place until the professional members of the first Council of the new College are elected by the membership of MSHA and the public members are appointed by the Minister of Health. It is anticipated that the first Council of the College will take office at some point in 2011.
4. The MSHA will be continued, as provided for under section 8 of the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA), as the regulatory body under the new name: The College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba. The assets and obligations of MSHA will be retained by the College. Current MSHA members will continue as members of the College.
5. The Ad Hoc Committee for Regulatory Reform will lead the policy development and other work required to establish the new College. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Regulatory Reform are:

Sharon Halldorson
Laura Lenton
Kelly Ring – Whiklo
Dwain Stone
Maureen Penko, Ex Officio

Bonnie Hosea
Sharen Ritterman
Tim Thorne
Lori McKietiuik – Chair

In addition to existing members, additional members may be recruited for smaller working groups as specific projects commence. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 21st January 2010 to establish a work plan and discuss various policy issues.

6. David Hodgson, Regulation Dynamics, will facilitate the work of the Committee and lead the development of regulations, bylaws, policies, etc. and provide advice and guidance to the Committee and the Board.
7. The first priorities are to:
 - Develop a scope of practice statement for each profession
 - Develop a regulation to specify the reserved acts that audiologists and/or speech-language pathologists are to be authorized to perform
 - Determine whether or not the college should allow members to delegate any of the reserved acts to another person, and if so, to whom and under what conditions.
 - Determine Council composition and election process.
8. Over the coming months the Committee and the Board will be keeping members up to date on the progress being made towards the establishment of the new College through emails and mailings and regular updates on the website. Member consultation will occur regarding regulations and bylaws established for the College.

Respectfully Submitted,

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