

# WORK PROGRESSING WELL ON THE NEW COLLEGE

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The MSHA Board and its Ad Hoc Committee for Regulatory Reform are making good progress on the development of all regulatory requirements for the establishment of the **College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba**. The MSHA Board will remain in place until the professional members of the first Council of the College are elected by the membership of MSHA and the public members are appointed by the Minister of Health. It is anticipated that the College will be established, and the first Council of the College will take office in 2011.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Regulatory Reform was struck to lead the policy development and other work required to establish the College. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Regulatory Reform are: Sharon Halldorson , Bonnie Hosea, Laura Lenton, Sharen Ritterman, Kelly Ring – Whiklo, Tim Thorne, Jerri – Lee MacKay, and Lori McKietuik, Chair. Ex officio: Maureen Penko.

The Committee and the Board are meeting on a monthly basis. Their first priorities are to:

- Develop a new, expanded scope of practice statement for each profession
- Develop regulations to specify the reserved acts that audiologists and speech language pathologists respectively are to be authorized to perform
- Determine an appropriate Council composition. The Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) requires that the Council shall have at least six persons and at least 1/3 of the council members must be public representatives. There must be an appropriate balance of audiologists, speech language pathologists and public members.
- Determine how professional members will be elected to ensure an appropriate number of professional members on Council from each profession and representation of the two professions on a regional basis.
- Establish Bylaws for the College to deal with management and business affairs.
- Develop Standards of Practice for the professions. These will be used by the College to educate members on the expectations of the College with respect to the conduct of its members. The standards of practice will also be used to develop the continuing competence program.

In the coming months, the Committee and the Board will also work on the development of a continuing competence program, the review of registration requirements, and updating the code of ethics.

MSHA members will be kept up to date on the progress being made towards the establishment of the College through e – mails, mailings and regular updates on the website. Under the RHPA, it is mandatory that MSHA members be given opportunity to review proposed bylaws and regulations for comment before these documents are enacted. It is anticipated that by early fall, 2010, the Board will be in a position to consult with the members on a number of matters relating to the College.

As you will see in the attached chronology, it's been a long road to where we are today and there is still much work to do. However, the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba will soon be a reality.

# REGULATORY REFORM INITIATIVE CHRONOLOGY

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## **January 2010 to Present**

The MSHA Board and its Ad Hoc Committee for Regulatory Reform work to develop regulatory requirements for the establishment of the **College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists of Manitoba**.

## **November 2009**

A plan to repeal and replace all individual statutes regulating health professions in Manitoba, in a series of stages is introduced by Manitoba Health. The professions of audiology and speech language pathology are included in the first stage.

## **June 2009**

On June 11, 2009, *Bill 18 - The Regulated Health Professions Act* received royal assent. This Act moves to consolidate all previously existing statutes which govern regulated health professionals in the province of Manitoba under a single umbrella act. This will ensure consistency across regulated health professions in the province, while continuing to allow professions to be self – regulating.

The omnibus legislation establishes a clear mandate for all health profession regulatory bodies (to be known as colleges) to protect the public interest and separate professional advocacy from regulatory activities.

## **April 16<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Bill 18 – the Regulated Health Professions Act is introduced in the Manitoba Legislature.

## **Spring 2009**

Manitoba Health engages in consultation with stakeholders on draft Bill

Legal Drafting of Bill 18

## **February 2009**

Manitoba Health vets Consultation Document with stakeholders

## **January 2009**

Consultation Document published by Manitoba Health, providing government proposals to address key reform elements in the proposed omnibus legislation.

## **2008**

Health Professions Regulatory Reform Initiative develops draft document: List of Restricted Acts

## **2007**

Health Professions Regulatory Reform Initiative develops draft document: Complaints, Inquiries and Discipline Process.

### **October 12<sup>th</sup> 2006**

Initial meeting of the Health Professions Regulatory Reform Initiative.

Phase 1: Complaints, Investigation, and Discipline Model.

A moratorium is declared by Manitoba Health on the development of any new individual health profession statutes or amendments to existing health professions legislation in the province until the HPRRI is complete.

### **August 2006**

Correspondence received from A. Wilgosh, Deputy Minister of Health, indicating the first meeting of the HPRRI would be 12 October 2006.

### **June 2006**

Correspondence sent to H. McLaren requesting information regarding the Health Professions Regulatory Reform Initiative, including an anticipated start date.

### **March 2006**

MSHA accepts the invitation to participate in the Health Professionals' Regulatory Reform Initiative.

### **February 2006**

Received correspondence from Tim Sale, Minister of Health, advising the Manitoba Speech and Hearing Association that the government has decided to pursue umbrella health professions legislation. Invitation for the Manitoba Speech and Hearing Association to participate in the development of this new legislation.

### **January 2006**

Meeting with H. McLaren, Director, and Barbara Millar, Senior Analyst, Legislative Unit, MB Health, to discuss policy draft for profession – specific legislation, The Audiologists & Speech Language Pathologists Act.

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