

WORK PROGRESSING ON THE COLLEGE

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The Manitoba Speech and Hearing Association Board (MSHA) 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 (CASLPM). The present MSHA Board structure will remain in place until the professional members of the first Council of CASLPM are elected by its membership 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 mid 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, and Lori McKietiuik (Chair). Ex officio: Maureen Penko.

The Committee is meeting on a monthly basis. The Committee met in January, February, and March. Its first priorities were to:

- Develop a 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 by members in the continuing competence program to be developed.

The Committee and the MSHA Board will now focus their work on the development of a continuing competence program, the review of registration requirements, updating the code of ethics, and drafting professional misconduct regulations.

Over the coming months, 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. It is anticipated that by early fall the Board will be in a position to consult with members on a number of matters relating to bylaws and regulations that will be put in place by the College.

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