

**Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association  
Certification Task Force – Email Update  
Thursday, October 14, 2004**

**MINUTES**

Updates received from: T. Goncalves, J. Singleton, M. Blaise, C. Richard, E. Turnell, L. McCarter

Response required	Item for discussion	Discussion/Action to be taken	Director Responsible
	<b>1.0 Approval of Agenda</b>	Addition: New BC Representative	
	<b>2.0 Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2004</b>	-no changes received	
	<b>3.0 Old Business</b>		
	3.1 <i>Comparison of twelve Professional TR Provincial Association – Dalhousie University Research</i>	<p>Jerry indicated that information received by AB, SK, ON, NF/L. NB indicated information is correct.</p> <p><b>Action: All other provincial representatives are to go report on the accuracy of the document (BC, MB, PQ, NS.) to the Provincial associations to confirm whether the information in the document is accurate and Forward this information to Jerry. Please submit ASAP.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Jerry will add CTRA and NCTRC information to the document for comparison.</b></p>	<p>All Provincial Reps</p> <p>Jerry</p>
	3.2 <i>Status of TR in Canada (Issues in TR) Document</i>	<p>Jerry indicated that information received by AB, SK, ON, NF/L. NB indicated information is correct.</p> <p><b>Action: All other provincial representatives are to go report on the accuracy of the document (BC, MB, PQ, NS.) to the Provincial associations to confirm whether the information in the document is accurate and Forward this information to Jerry. Please submit ASAP.</b></p>	All Provincial Reps
	3.3 <i>How do other disciplines certify?</i>	<b>Action: Jerry to look into whether examination is required for a PT and which group is responsible for development/administration?</b>	Jerry
	3.4 <i>Resources</i>	<b>Action: Tanea will forward Marketing Resource to Maggie for summary.</b>	Tanea
	3.5 <i>Cross Comparison of TR Standards of Practice and Scope of Practice statements to TRO, NLTRA, NSRPH</i>	<p>Wayne forwarded new and approved NF/L Standards of Practice documents for review.</p> <p><b>Action: Jerry to acquire NSRPH standards for comparison</b></p> <p><b>Action: Tanea to obtain TRO standards from CTRA President for review</b></p> <p><b>Action: Jerry to develop the document with specific criteria for comparison.</b></p> <p><b>Action: In future: Will look into recruiting committee to assist in developing a National</b></p>	<p>Jerry</p> <p>Tanea</p> <p>Jerry</p> <p>Tanea</p>

			<b>Standards of Practice Document.</b>	
3.6	<i>Develop Job Competencies of TRP</i>		<p>AB indicated that they do not have job competencies.</p> <p><b>Action: All other provincial Representatives are required to report as to whether they have developed Job Competencies or a Job Analysis of TR.</b></p> <p>Tanea to forwarded information send by Gary re: job competencies.</p> <p>Maggie has completed ½ of the translation document.</p> <p><b>Action: Maggie to finish translation and summary for our November meeting re: Jocelyn’s research.</b></p> <p><b>Action: CTF to come up with specific questions that we would like Jocelyn to answer.</b></p>	<p><b>All Provincial Reps</b></p> <p><b>Maggie</b></p> <p><b>All Provincial Reps</b></p>
3.7	<i>Annually update the Canadian Post Secondary institutions that offer TR Programs</i>		<p>AB indicated no changes. No other information submitted for changes. We will assume that information correct in the document unless Tanea hears otherwise.</p>	
3.8	<i>Research/ Summarize certification resources &amp; Canadian Models for TR Certification</i>		<p>Tanea forwarded Rod Deiser model for CTF review.</p>	
3.9	<i>Develop a budget for Certification Task Force (2004-2005)</i>		<p>Tanea developed budget for CTF. Waiting for approval from the CTRA Board of Directors.</p>	
3.10	<i>E-mail from Paddy Godbehere</i>		<p>Input from Jerry and Dianne Bowtell.</p>	
3.11	<i>NCTRC?</i>		<p><b>Action: Tanea to develop Criteria for this sub-committee. We would like a report to determine/develop a balanced perspective regarding the benefits vs. costs with independent certification or NCTRC.</b></p>	<p><b>Tanea</b></p>
3.12	<i>Members of Subcommittees</i>		<p>There are no sub-committee members in Alberta.</p> <p><b>Action: All provincial representatives are to go to report to Tanea any sub committee members that have assisted with Certification.</b></p> <p>Chris forwarded Kris Savage as an individual that helped me gather the job descriptions for Ontario. His name has been added to the discussion document</p>	<p><b>All Provincial Reps</b></p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>			
4.1	<i>Examine Important Educational Coursework for</i>		<p>Tabled for future discussion.</p>	

		<i>TR Certification</i>		
	4.2	<i>Determine what Certification should entail</i>	Tabled for future discussion.	
	4.3	<i>Poll (What should certification entail?)</i>	Tabled for future discussion	
	4.4	<i>NCTRC?</i>	<p>Future Action: To schedule a future meeting in the New Year (February 2004?)</p> <p><b>Action: All to respond to Elizabeth Davidson letter for discussion</b></p> <p>Erin: I think it is worth asking NCTRC if they would consider including Canada in their next job analysis but at what cost? I wouldn't want to agree to go the NCTRC route in exchange. And I think it would be interesting to do a comparison of TR in Canada vs. TR in the states. I think having a comparison will help make the decision whether to go with NCTRC or on "our own" for certification. I do think the cost of certification is always going to be an issue but that doesn't necessarily mean we should go the NCTRC route. Maybe I sound too optimistic but I believe that Canada could have a certification unique to Canadians.</p> <p><b>Jerry:</b> it does not hurt to set up subcommittee to explore this opportunity</p> <p>We are in the Strength Weakness Opportunity and Weakness part of our knowledge Seeking another voice would not hurt if we provide framework for information...</p> <p><b>Dianne</b> I would like to give Canadian TR's opportunities to contribute to our own national process by clearly identifying our committee works and terms of references and thereby actively recruiting both members and committee volunteers.</p> <p>In short, I do not believe a young profession can short circuit a natural process of growth and development towards professional maturity hallmarked by certification. There would be as many hurdles and barriers to "convince" Canadians trained at Canadian educational institutions (that don't fit the educational criteria from NCTRC) to go with the America Certification process. A majority would not be eligible and would certainly not be able to recertify again in the required 5 years. Jerry's program at Dalhousie is the only program (that I am aware of) that fits that NCTRC criteria. I don't think it is realistic to think we can train all Canadian TR's there. We also know from experience how political and how slow it is to get Universities to change their programs.</p>	<p>Tanea</p> <p><b>All members to send comments</b></p>

	4.5	<i>TRO Registration Process</i>	In future: When possible will review TRO registration process.	
	4.6	<i>BC Representative</i>	Liz has recruited new member Helene Driscoll to represent BC on the task force. Will send out contact information soon.	
	<b>5.0</b>	<b>Next Meetings</b>	November 25 - Tele-conference meeting December 9, 2004 E-mail update?	