

## Certification Task Force Update

### September 2003

The Certification Task Force (CTF) has been meeting monthly and continues to make progress on unifying Canada in search for the best method of certification for all the provinces and territories. Following is a brief update on our progress.

**Recruitment:** We have just recruited a new member from New Brunswick. Her name is Micheline Comitz. We look forward to having her join us on the CTF. We are still seeking representation from Ontario and PEI.

**Communication:** We are currently looking into placing the CTF members contact information on the website and in the TRibune, as well as a quarterly update of the CTF goings-on in both. CTF representatives are also providing this quarterly report to their respective provincial association newsletters. We are still trying to determine where this information will be placed on the website -- most likely a link from the home page to the "Around Canada" page.

**Budget:** The CTF operating budget is currently being drafted for approval from the CTRA Board of Directors.

## Strategic Plan Update

### Scope of Practice:

- **Model of Practice:** We are currently trying to determine the most appropriate model of practice for TR for the group to adopt. We are waiting to review the new Leisure Ability Model that is scheduled to be out in August 2003.
- **TR Definition:** When the model of practice for TR is determined, we will next try to develop a TR definition for the CTF.
- **Scope of Practice:** We are currently trying to gather information on which provinces have developed a scope of practice statement for TR.

Ontario - waiting on a new Standards of Practice document to be released in the fall

Quebec - looking into a French document to determine if it will be helpful

Newfoundland/Labrador - have developed a Standards of Practice for TRS Workers and RT Workers (similar levels to RTs and Assistants/Activity Coordinators)

Alberta - The "Heighten Our Profession" Committee is currently working on a Scope of Practice Document.

### Educational Requirements:

1. The CTF is currently trying to determine what the membership requirements are for each provincial association.
2. Dalhousie University has offered to give student credit for comprehensive review of the educational requirements for each provincial association. We have also added looking into "grand-fathering" clauses for each association in Canada.
3. The committee has been updating the document "Summary of TR Courses/Programs for Canadian Universities and Colleges and Provincial TR Association Membership Requirements" that can be found on the CTRA website. This document began in Alberta.
4. Eventually we will be determining the education requirements for Therapeutic Recreation Professionals.

**Job Analysis:**

- Currently we are asking all provincial associations to gather position descriptions for TR Professionals across Canada. This has already been completed in Ontario and is underway in BC and Quebec. We are asking the provincial associations if this request can be sent out to their membership.
- The Certification Task Force is also gathering information regarding membership position titles for TR Professionals across Canada from CTRA membership. Alberta has also forwarded a document regarding similar information that was gathered through a survey in their province.