

CAPPE/ACPEP
Cross-Country “College/Association Development” Summary, February 2007

British Columbia

- Working towards the development of a “College of Counselling Therapists”, which is a Coalition, Competencies-Based model.
- Participating Organizations include: BC Association of Clinical Counsellors, American Association of Pastoral Counsellors, Association of Substance Abuse Programs of BC, Canadian Counselling Association—BC Chapter, Music Therapy Association of BC, BC Art Therapy Association of BC, BC Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and CAPPE BC.
- The challenge will be to evaluate the “Competency Profile” along-side CAPPE/ACPEP Standards of Practice and competencies outlined in the CAPPE/ACPEP Handbook. As the Competency Profile is developed, CAPPE/ACPEP can offer a leadership role both by adding specific competencies to the profile as well as by integrating into the CAPPE/ACPEP education curricula and Standards of Practice, those competencies which other participating organizations bring to the Competency Profile. (e.g. One of the competencies which is likely to be included in the Competency Profile is a proficiency in Research.)

Alberta

- The ARCAPPE College Development Committee has been mandated by ARCAPPE to develop a scope of practice for “Spiritual Health Practitioners” (SHP) using the Health Professions Act (HPA) and College Development as a frame of reference. This may or may not lead to establishing a College. “Spirituality”, “SHP” and “scope of practice” are to be defined. ARCAPPE believes it is important that Spiritual Care Professionals should lead the way in defining who they are and what they do.

Saskatchewan

- Working towards the development of an Association—Saskatchewan Association of Spiritual Care Practitioners in Health Care.
- There is a two-year window in which any interested person who is employed in the practice of Spiritual Care in a health care institution will be invited to join the Association as a founding member.
- An “Inaugural Meeting” is scheduled for April 15 & 16, 2007, in Moose Jaw.
- Draft Constitution & By-Laws, Standards of Practice, and Code of Ethics have been developed based on those of CAPPE/ACPEP.
- A Brief has been prepared (by the steering committee facilitating this work) for presentation by the Association to the Provincial Government—soliciting recognition and endorsement of the need for quality Spiritual Care within the province’s health care institutions, and requesting the government to create a position known as a “Spiritual Care Coordinator” within the Department of Health

Manitoba

- Working towards the development of an Association.
- A document on Professional Designations, which is quite similar to the CAPPE/ACPEP “Draft 2 Document on Professional Designations”, is being developed. The Manitoba Interfaith Council (MIC) is taking a leadership role in the development of this document. (Note: CAPPE MO maintains a healthy relationship with MIC, including a reciprocal relationship to provide an observer at each other’s AGM’s.)

- While the government is not yet ready for the development of a College, there is, however, a “new political will” to acknowledge and support Spiritual Care. (e.g. 14 new Spiritual Care positions are to be funded.)

Ontario

- Working towards the development of a “College of Psychotherapy” to which it is hoped and intended that the province’s Chaplains and Pastoral Counsellors will belong (Coalition model similar to BC).
- In working with the Ontario MultiFaith Council and the Ontario Chaplains’ Association, a membership framework was developed that builds upon CAPPE/ACPEP’s “Draft 2 Document on Professional Designations”.
- Three of the four CAPPE/ACPEP Regions which serve the Ontario members, passed motions in 2006 calling for the preparation of a Terms of Reference for one CAPPE/ACPEP Professional Practice body in the province of Ontario.
- These same three Regions joined the Ontario Coalition of Mental Health Professionals (OCMHP) in early summer of 2006, and very actively participated in the “submission phase” (to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care) following the springtime release of the Health Professional Regulatory Advisory Committee’s (HPRAC’s) recommendations concerning counsellors and psychotherapists in the province.
- Last fall, there was a concerted letter and email campaign focusing on both the Minister’s office and most of the Members of the Legislative Assembly. This campaign succeeded in shaping the then pending legislation, resulting in the Minister tabling the “Health Systems Improvement” Bill 171 in late December, 2006.
- Next steps: “encouragement” of MLAs concerning this legislation, and working towards obtaining solid representation for Chaplains and Pastoral Counsellors on the Transition Council of the College of Psychotherapy.

L’AISSQ

- Not pursuing “College Development” at this time, but may in the future.
- L’AISSQ has decided to apply the “normes” to **all** members, not just the Specialists and the Teaching Supervisors. This involves a long-term plan of establishing peer review for all members.
- Within l’AISSQ, the title “Chaplain”, for the most part, has changed to “Spiritual Care Professional”, and the language “Pastoral Care”, has changed to “Spiritual Care” or “Spiritual and Religious Care”.

IPT, the Institute of Pastoral Training (Atlantic Provinces)

- CAPPE Atlantic ceased “to be” on December 31, 2006, but its’ functions, aims and responsibilities were incorporated into IPT as the new, enhanced structure for supporting Spiritual Care practice in Nova Scotia and the other Atlantic provinces. (IPT has been the legislated body for overseeing “pastoral ministry” in Nova Scotia since 1958.)
- The current phase of IPT is considered transitional; a more efficient working structure, one that will accommodate the functions and responsibilities of both the previous IPT and CAPPE Atlantic, is being developed.
- A special meeting of the membership of IPT is scheduled for February 16, 2007, at which time new By-Laws will be ratified. IPT’s aim is to continue to support CAPPE/ACPEP Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics, and Certification and Accreditation Standards.
- IPT will be seeking a partnership agreement with CAPPE/ACPEP in the near future.