



Bowen Professional Forum

Summary of conference call held at 8pm on 8th November 2010

Attendees: Martin, Sheila, Maureen, John Wilks, John Francis, Penny, Sarena on standby for Alastair who had difficulty getting connected.

Apologies: David Howells, Nikke Ariffe

Sarena reported on PSB activities and the difficulties encountered with CNHC in respect of the Entry Requirements and again concerning CPDs.

Sarena also mentioned the problems encountered by some Reflexology members who were harassed on Twitter and Blogs, after their registration details were picked up from the CNHC Website. Another was referred to CNHC for the wording in her Advertisement.

The Advertising Board has disallowed therapists from claiming on their advertising websites they could help with certain conditions other than Relaxation. The CNHC said they would be working with the Advertising Board on this matter as the members were clearly not happy with the outcome.

Forum members asked if the PSB had made their discontent known to CNHC and if they could go above CNHC to voice their discontent. Sarena contended that the next step would be the DOH, and that the PSB had been thinking along those lines, but required more therapies to get on board.

John Wilks asked if the PSB had responded to the Qualifications Verification process. As Sarena couldn't remember the details, she contended that it must have been processed. There was some discussion about publicly funded courses and why the CNHC only wished to meet on the 4th November with therapies that offered these. The CNHC are proposing to demand 10 hours CPD per year (4 hours general study and 6 hours therapy specific learning). 10 hours learning counts as 1 unit or credit and can be publicly funded. Janet Wayte (FHT) attended the meeting on 4th November and had said she would report back to our PSB.

John Wilks pointed out that a key role of the PSB is to set and monitor the standards of training. The CNHC are not enabling this to happen.

Maureen offered her services in exploring public funding for Bowen courses. She said it should be quite an easy process and something she could teach in a workshop. Forum members were in agreement that it would be a worthwhile exercise and something that could possibly be done during an AGM meeting.

Sarena mentioned in this regard the CNHC's stance to assist and not expel registered members found to lack the necessary skills. This being the result of inappropriately vetted therapists having been registered by some Registering Organizations. The meeting agreed that this was an unacceptable situation.

We also briefly spoke about the medical fraternity being encouraged to recognize only CNHC

registered therapists, as recently seen in the various medical journals, and what the risks of that would entail especially in light of deficient competence from the member.

Forum members asked if the PSB could try to form alliances with some of the other therapies since CNHC was not forthcoming in passing the contact details across as requested. Maureen advised that PSB could get the details under the Freedom of Information Act. Maureen also offered potential support with Lobbying, either in Parliament or through MP's involved with Health.

The Bowen PSB have sent in 5 items to be considered for the agenda at the next PSB/CNHC meeting on 23rd November. It was agreed that the PSB would report back from that meeting, and action considered should the status quo remain the same.

Sarena than copied Forum members in on the correspondence between PSB and CNHC since she couldn't remember in detail all the issues concerned, and Forum members needed to have insight into the situations on hand.

The meeting thanked Sarena for all her very valuable input. Also many thanks to our PSB for their report prior to the conference call and for are striving so hard to make progress with the CNHC.