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FOMTRAC Announces Project to Refine and Revalidate the 2012 Inter-Jurisdictional Practice Competencies and Performance Indicators

The Federation of Massage Therapy Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FOMTRAC) is pleased to announce to stakeholders in Canadian massage therapy education and practice that work is underway to refine and revalidate the Inter-Jurisdictional Practice Competencies and Performance Indicators (PCs-PIs).

The PCs (released in 2010) define the abilities required of massage therapists at entry-to-practice. The PIs (released in 2012) establish related outcomes for massage therapy education programs and a blueprint for registration examinations. As stakeholders have worked to integrate these standards into education and examination processes, requests for clarification have come forward. Additionally, the newly-formed Canadian Massage Therapy Council for Accreditation (CMTCA) will be developing accreditation standards for education programs, which need to relate to the PIs.

FOMTRAC believes that clarity and currency of the PCs and PIs is crucial to the continuing unified development of the massage therapy profession across Canada, and has therefore initiated this project with the following goals:

- To clarify any competencies and indicators that stakeholders have found unclear or confusing
- To update and revalidate the competencies and indicators through an open, consultative process

A project team has been established with representatives appointed by the regulatory bodies in British Columbia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador and Ontario. Work will take place over the period October 2014 – April 2016, led by a consultant in the development of competency-based standards.

Updated PCs have been developed in draft form; RMTs in the regulated provinces will be consulted about them in an on-line survey scheduled for April 2015. In early 2016 schools and examination officials will be consulted about changes to PIs.

In the interim stakeholders wishing further information about the project can contact the project consultant at massagecompetencyproject@telus.net