

Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX

From: Michael Geoghegan [mgeoghegan@shaw.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 9:42 PM
To: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
Cc: 'Howard Dieno'; Ho, Sandy HLTH:EX; 'Anthony Mathews'
Subject: Re: Osteopaths meeting dates October 30

That works for me.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
To: 'Michael Geoghegan'
Cc: 'Howard Dieno'; Ho, Sandy HLTH:EX; 'Anthony Mathews'
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 1:52 PM
Subject: RE: Osteopaths meeting dates October 30

Sounds good. If it works for everyone we'll make it October 30th at 10:00 am at 1515 Blanshard Street. My office is on the 7th floor – you'll need to sign in at the front and they will show you up the elevator. See you then.

Nick

From: Michael Geoghegan [mailto:mgeoghegan@shaw.ca]
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2012 6:59 PM
To: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
Cc: Howard Dieno; Ho, Sandy HLTH:EX; Anthony Mathews
Subject: Re: Osteopaths meeting dates October 30
Importance: High

Dear Grant:

The best time for us to meet will be on October 30th, any time in the morning or after 2:30 pm in the afternoon.

Let us know what time works best for you, as well as where we are meeting with you.

Kindest regards,

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----- Original Message -----

From: ANTHONY MATTHEWS
To: Michael Geoghegan
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2012 6:27 PM
Subject: Re: Osteopaths

Hi Mike

Oct 30th (Tue) in the morning up to 12am or 14.30 onwards.

Regards
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----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Geoghegan
To: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
Cc: Howard Dieno ; Ho, Sandy HLTH:EX ; Anthony Mathews
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 7:02 PM
Subject: Osteopaths meeting dates

Dear Nick:

It was a pleasure speaking with you as well and your phone call was very much appreciated. My schedule works for all those dates, I have cced Osteopaths Howard Dieno and Anthony Matthews on this email and asked them to let me know which date(s) works best for us meeting with you.

Kindest Regards,

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From: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
To: 'mgeoghegan@shaw.ca'
Cc: Ho, Sandy HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 5:19 PM
Subject: Osteopaths

Mike, nice to talk to you. As mentioned, I am the Executive Director responsible for Professional Regulation. In terms of dates for a meeting with your clients, here are some suggested times:

October 24 after 2:30 pm
October 25 anytime after 9:00 am
October 29 anytime after 10:30
October 30 anytime.

Let me know if any of those will work. If not then Nov 2 looks pretty good or we can look into the following week.

Cheers,

Nick

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From: Michael Geoghegan [mgeoghegan@shaw.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2012 10:04 AM
To: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
Cc: Howard Dieno; Anthony Mathews; Ho, Sandy HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Emailing: Briefing Note concerning Osteopathy

Wonderful thanks Nick!

Mike

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From: "Grant, Nick HLTH:EX" <Nick.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
To: "Michael Geoghegan" <mgeoghegan@shaw.ca>
Cc: "Howard Dieno" S22 "Anthony Mathews"
S22 "Ho, Sandy HLTH:EX" <Sandy.Ho@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2012 10:35 PM
Subject: Re: Emailing: Briefing Note concerning Osteopathy

> Thanks Michael. I'll connect with you next week when I am back in
> Victoria.
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> Regards,
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> Nick
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> On 2012-11-21, at 11:18 AM, "Michael Geoghegan"
> <mgeoghegan@shaw.ca<mailto:mgeoghegan@shaw.ca>> wrote:
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> Dear Nick:
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> It was a pleasure meeting with you on October 30th. Attached is a
> briefing note as a follow up to that meeting. We recognize that a full
> regulatory college may be impractical at this point, but as an interim
> measure what we are requesting is that the British Columbia Government and
> BC Ministry of Health endorse the creation of an Osteopathic Voluntary
> Registration Council (OVRC) with 50% of the membership made up of ordinary
> members in good standing of the Society for the Promotion of Manual
> Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO) and 50% members of the public, and a Chair who
> is also from the public.
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> Please read the attached briefing note for further information. I
> understand that you are in Vancouver for much of this week, we would
> appreciate the opportunity for a follow up meeting when you are back to
> discuss this idea in further detail.
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> Kindest regards,
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Briefing Note concerning Osteopathy in British Columbia and protection of patients and accountability to the public

November 16, 2012

Issue: there are an increasing number of Osteopaths operating in British Columbia with a wide variety of training and little or no regulatory oversight thus calling into question both patient safety as well as public accountability.

Background: At this moment in time there are 29 members of the Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO) <http://osteopathybc.ca/faq> Many of these members have been trained in Britain, Australia and other jurisdictions where Osteopathy is formally regulated.

There are in British Columbia a growing number of Osteopaths that work independently of any Society. There are also reports to the SPMPO of Osteopathic students in BC using osteopathic techniques that are not fully qualified.

There are only two or three American trained medical osteopaths in BC that are registered under the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons, and only one who appears to be doing any regular Osteopathic work. This number has not increased in years.

As a result of these low numbers, the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons has stated that they do not have a complaints committee that is qualified to deal with an osteopathic complaint nor do they have sufficient osteopathic member's to make up a complaints committee.

Although an Osteopathic College is the long term solution, at present Osteopaths cannot afford College status as there would be insufficient numbers to employ a full time Registrar / Executive, and Secretary.

However the SPMPO strongly believes there is a growing need for an interim Osteopathic Voluntary Registration Council (OVRC).

The public need to be protected with regards to standards of qualifications, an OVRC would provide that. It would also oversee continued professional development, registration, Insurance, and complaints. The OVRC would be totally independent of the SPMPO

Based on models used in other jurisdictions, the OVRC could be made up of 50% osteopaths and 50% lay-members, with a lay-person being the chair of the Council and committees. This would help ensure protection of the public.

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Finally by creating the OVRC, regulation of Osteopathy in BC would be attained at little or no cost to the provincial government.

Recommendation: That the British Columbia Government and BC Ministry of Health endorse the creation of an Osteopathic Voluntary Registration Council (OVRC) with 50% of the membership made up of ordinary members in good standing of the Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO) and 50% members of the public, and a Chair who is also from the public.

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From: Michael Geoghegan [mgeoghegan@shaw.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2013 8:52 PM
To: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: follow up request for mtg re briefing note regarding voluntary council for Osteopaths

Hi Nick:

Wednesday afternoon of January 16th works well for me, I will check with Dr. Matthews.

Kindest regards,

Mike
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From: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 5:32 PM
To: 'Michael Geoghegan'
Subject: RE: follow up request for mtg re briefing note regarding voluntary council for Osteopaths

Michael, would it work for you to set something up for next week? Anytime Wednesday afternoon is looking best for me, Thursday afternoon after 2:00 would be second, and Friday morning may work as well.

Nick

From: Michael Geoghegan [mailto:mgeoghegan@shaw.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2013 9:24 PM
To: ANTHONY MATTHEWS; Anthony Mathews; Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
Subject: follow up request for mtg re briefing note regarding voluntary council for Osteopaths
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I know that the end of the year was very hectic for you, but I am hoping that you can find time in your schedule to meet with Dr. Tony Mathews and myself and get your feedback re the creation of the aforementioned OVRC. I look forward to your timely response regarding our **meeting request** and in closing wish you all the best for 2013.

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From: Michael Geoghegan [mgeoghegan@shaw.ca]
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To: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
Cc: S22 Anthony Mathews; Howard Dieno
Subject: mtg on Wed 2pm your office?
Importance: High

Dear Nick:

I just spoke by phone with Dr. Matthews. Can we meet Wednesday January 16th at your office at 2:00 pm? Also in addition to discussing the OVRC as per the briefing note I sent you, have you had any feedback from other provincial jurisdictions? Also on the off chance you may have heard from Dr. Church we have a number of GPs and Specialists who would be willing to give their written support for the creation of an OVRC for non physician osteopaths.

Thanks again!

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From: Grant, Nick HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 2:15 PM
To: 'Michael Geoghegan'; S22 'Anthony Mathews'; 'Howard Dieno'
Subject: RE: mtg on Wed 2pm your office?

Gentlemen, S22 I'm afraid I
will not be able to meet as planned on February 16 at 2:00 pm. I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience to you.

I will take this opportunity to say we have reviewed the proposal outlined in your briefing note. While we appreciate the time and effort that has put into developing this concept, we have determined that it is not an approach the Ministry of Health can accept or consider further at this time. It is not consistent with the Health Professions Act or with current and longstanding government policy with respect to establishing new regulatory bodies for health professionals, and there is no evidence of actual significant harm to public health or safety being caused by the status quo. Given current Ministry and government priorities and the proximity of the general election, the Ministry's view is that this is a policy matter for which it is appropriate to defer any further discussion or consideration until such time as a new government mandate is in place with priorities and direction provided to government ministries.

I appreciate that this is not the response for which you were hoping; however, I did want to convey the Ministry's position with respect to your proposal.

Sincerely,

Nick

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