

## Summary of the Meeting on Statutory Regulation

Date: 5 Aug 2010

Venue: Rm 201, Legislative Council Building, Central

Attendance:

Member of Legislative Council

Dr. Joseph Lee Kok-long

Chairman of Chiropractic Doctor's Association of Hong Kong

Dr. Vincent Chan

Representatives of Hong Kong Society of Audiology

Mr Eric Leung

Ms June Fok

Representatives of Hong Kong Psychological Society

Dr. Eugenie Leung

Dr. KK Leung

Representatives of Hong Kong Society of Certified Prosthetist-Orthotists

Mr. Anthony W H Shum

Mr Wilson Y K Chan

Representatives of International Society for Prosthetist and Orthotists – Hong Kong National Society

Mr. Alex Tong

Representatives of The International Podiatrists Association of Hong Kong

Ms. Heidi Corcoran

Mr. Douglas Horne

Representatives of Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists

Mr Raymond Fong

Mr. Eddy Wong

### Summary:

#### I. Background

In the last meeting, it is suggested that there are two possible options for statutory regulation:

- Establishing a Board for each profession subsume under the Supplementary Medical Professional Council (SMPC)
- Being regulated under an independent Council which may be put forward via the private member's bill

## II. Legislation of the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance

- The Bill was made in 1993 and enacted in 2001.
- Further clarification is needed as to whether the bill is being introduced by the government or via private member's bill.
- Chiropractic profession did a lot of lobbying on the Legislators in order to gain their support.
- Educational/academic qualifications of entering into the Chiropractors Registration are well defined by accredited international bodies be they colleges or universities.

## III. Pros and cons of statutory regulation

### Pros:

- The Ordinance defines professional title and its related qualifications.
- Widen development opportunity. For example, recently "CEPA 7" allows 12 categories of statutory regulated healthcare professionals to provide short-term services in the Mainland.

### Cons:

- Casted constraints on some day-to-day practices.

## IV. Concerns from Allied Health Professions

- Lost autonomy if subsume under the SMPC where medical dominance is apparent.
- The use of private member's bill involves lots of resources and implications.
- The need for doctors' referral, sick leave certification, and insurance are of concern.

## V. Possible options

1. Regulated under the SMPC.
2. Regulated under an independent Council via the private member's bill.
3. Status quo.

## VI. Follow up actions

1. Dr. Joseph Lee will meet with the Secretary for Food and Health to iron out the above mentioned in early September 2010.
2. Each discipline shall discuss among their profession on the options and issues of statutory regulation, then will be having a follow up meeting in Oct/Nov 2010.
3. Subsequent to the above mentioned, schedule a meeting with the Secretary of Food and Health.