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Stakeholder Feedback Form – July-September 2016 Practice Standards

Please complete this form and include it with your written submission. You may provide comments using this form (preferred), or send them in a separate document if the space provided here is insufficient. Your personal information is collected for internal statistical and informational purposes.

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A. How to Submit Your Comments

1. Complete this form.
2. You may provide your comments on this form or attach comments in a separate document.
3. Submit no later than September 9, 2016, via:

EMAIL: **submissions@crpo.ca** **OR**

FAX: **(416) 874-4079** **OR**

MAIL: **Consultations**
College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario
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B. Your Contact Information

First name: **Last name:**

Email address:

Phone number:

I am a:

Member

Student

Health care professional (describe below):

Other (describe below):

Applicant

Member of the public

Client or former client

C. Association

I am submitting feedback on behalf of an organization or association.

If you checked the box "yes", please provide the following information:

Name of organization/ association:

Your position:

Mailing address:

Your email address:

D. Consent

I understand that by ticking the checkbox below, my submission may be publicly posted on the College's website. I understand that identifying information of individuals, including name and contact information, such as address, phone number and email address, will be removed from submissions that are posted publicly.

I understand that the names of organizations and individuals submitting on behalf of organizations will be posted publicly, though contact information will not be posted.

I understand that the College will review submissions and, at its discretion, may choose not to post submissions if the content or wording is derogatory, defamatory, threatening, abusive or otherwise inappropriate, or if a submission reveals private or personal information. Negative comments about organizations or their positions on issues will also not be posted.

I consent to having my submission/ comments posted publicly.

Name:

Date:

July 12th, 2016

E. Your Comments

Note: The response field begins on the next page. Please add additional pages if needed.

Please provide any feedback on the proposed amendments to the *Professional Practice Standards*.

I am very glad to see the proposed changes to affirm gender/sexual identity and explicitly prohibit the practice of "conversion therapy" and any other inappropriate practices that seek to change someone's sexual or gender identity.

While it was implied, I was not clear that doing so would be regarded as professional misconduct and could result in disciplinary measures – I am recommending it be considered as so and that appropriate disciplinary measures are in place. I think the wording should be explicit and phrasing like "strongly discouraged" should be avoided - I feel this implies that while it's undesirable, there may be cases where it is acceptable - where as the message should be this is absolutely an unacceptable practice from psychotherapists and will result in disciplinary measures.

Thank-you for taking a stand on such an important human rights issue, this step makes me proud to be a member of a profession that unequivocally supports the rights and dignity of all human beings, and are allies to the LGBTQ+ community.

As a counsellor who works in a team environment, I also support the changes related to confidentiality and feel this is critical to providing stream-lined care for our clients.