

Stakeholder Feedback Form – July-September 2016 Practice Standards

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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*.

1) I'm OK with the extension of the standard with regard to conversion therapy and applaud the effort to protect serious therapy work with people who are exploring their identity or sexual orientation. It should be noted that there is philosophical confusion in the public realm (and it was evident in the parliamentary debate) as to whether gender identity and sexual orientation are determined by nature or freely chosen by an individual. Our standards of practice don't presuppose either position which is good. However we should be aware that the approved therapies about exploration and support will be very different depending on whether the therapist and client hold the same or different philosophical position. I think it would be worthwhile including a caution about this matter in the explanation of the standard.

2) I understand the wish of team-based therapists for this accommodation but we must remind ourselves that the higher standard of confidentiality in our profession is not based on a pious superiority but on an awareness that the therapist ,even in an agency, must be available with a confidential space for the client to speak of their relationships to the health system. This can't happen if the therapists see themselves as seamlessly part of the health system. The client must know that their psychotherapist is able at any time to maintain a critical distance from their health practitioners.

I understand that this view, that psychotherapy in a significant way transcends the health system, may be peculiar to the psychodynamic modality, so I am inclined to allow the accommodation for those working in teams as long as we keep the stricter rule of confidentiality for individual practitioners.

Furthermore , I think we must insist on psychotherapy records being kept separate from records open to a circle of care (and everyone and his receptionist). If necessary the psychotherapist will enter into the common records exactly what he has found necessary to share and nothing else.