

Government of Bermuda Ministry of Health

Supporting Councils/Boards for Health Professions

CONSULTATION MEETING HOSTED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Thursday, 22nd February 2018, 5:00-7:00pm Centre on Philanthropy

Consultation Update for Health Professions' Regulation

CONSULTATION MEETING

On 22 February 2018, the Ministry of Health met with members of Bermuda's health professions' regulatory bodies to receive feedback on the following proposal:

To move regulatory support from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCMO) and the Registry General (Psychologists) to the Bermuda Health Council (BHeC) for the following Councils and Boards:

- Bermuda Psychologists Council
- Bermuda Dental Board
- Council for Allied Health Professions
- Optometrist and Opticians Council
- Pharmacy Council

The proposal resulted from a November 2017 meeting, where Councils and Boards shared challenges and suggestions on how the Ministry can better support their regulatory work.

The Bermuda Medical Council and the Bermuda Nursing Council were excluded from the proposed transfer because they have administrative resources already established.

INTERACTIONS INTER

6 April 2018

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

After the meeting a questionnaire was circulated to regulatory bodies to formally capture responses. Four out of the five Councils and Boards impacted by the change provided a response to the survey.

Generally, Councils and Boards are supportive of the transfer if it produces improvements to the current process and not just moving the status quo to another entity.

Of the responses received, **55.6**% voted in favour of the transfer and **44.4**% objected, however, these objections were based on the following concerns:

- Details about the transition and role of the BHeC are unclear.
- Transition may delay re-registration processes taking place later this year.
- The timeline for transition on 1 April is too aggressive.

Decision and Next Steps:

The Ministry will take a phased approach to the transfer based on the feedback. A transition plan and timelines will be developed to start with the Councils that are supportive which will give time to put the necessary expertise and resources in place without disrupting 2018 re-registrations. Here's what you can expect:

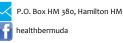
- BHeC will contact Councils and Boards to assess their needs and review their feedback.
- The OCMO and the BHeC will develop and implement a transition plan to share with Councils and Boards based on available resources and re-registration timelines.
- Council for Allied Health Professions and Pharmacy Council will not be in the first phase.

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Health Professionals Stakeholder Meeting Attendance and Invitation List Centre on Philanthropy 22 February 2018, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

MEETING ATTENDEES

- 1. Allington, Chris, Bermuda Dental Board
- 2. Attride-Stirling, Jennifer, Ministry of Health
- 3. Blades, Nicole, Board of Occupational Therapists
- 4. Botelho, Arnold, Board of Emergency Medical Technicians
- 5. Brathwaite, Ricky, Bermuda Health Council
- 6. Caines, Jill, Bermuda Nursing Council
- 7. Cann-Fubler, Britanni, Board of Speech & Language Pathologists
- 8. Coleman, Eshe, Ministry of Health
- 9. Dean, Joanne, Board of Addiction Counselors
- 10. Fay, James, Bermuda Dental Board
- 11. Grant, Tracy, Bermuda Psychologists Registration Council
- 12. Kast, Elisabeth, Bermuda Health Council
- 13. Monk, Michelle, Board of Physiotherapists
- 14. Peek-Ball, Cheryl, Office of the Chief Medical Officer
- 15. Rogers, David, Bermuda Health Council
- 16. Rogers, Morrisa, Board of Occupational Therapists
- 17. Ross, Fiona, Bermuda Medical Council
- 18. Shah, Kiran, Pharmacy Council
- 19. Simmons-Lanthier, Kauliss, Bermuda Psychologists Registration Council
- 20. Smith, Terricca, Board of Diagnostic Imaging Technologists
- 21. Tucker, Sarah, Dental Complaints Committee
- 22. Warren, Lynniece, Bermuda Health Council

INVITATION LIST

- 1. Allington, Chris, Bermuda Dental Board
- 2. Attride-Stirling, Jennifer, Ministry of Health
- 3. Banarsee, Ronah, Management Consulting Section
- 4. Beckles, Akilah, Bermuda Psychologists Registration Council
- 5. Blades, Nicole, Board of Occupational Therapists
- 6. Botelho, Arnold, Board of Emergency Medical Technicians
- 7. Brathwaite, Ricky, Bermuda Health Council
- 8. Burgess, Jamie, Optometrists and Opticians Council
- 9. Caines, Jill, Bermuda Nursing Council
- 10. Cann-Fubler, Britanni, Board of Speech & Language Pathologists
- 11. Coleman, Eshe, Ministry of Health
- 12. Dean, Joanne, Board of Addiction Counselors
- 13. DeSilva, Janel, Pharmacy Council
- 14. Grant, Tracy, Bermuda Psychologists Registration Council
- 15. Haworth, Jennifer, Nursing Profession Complaints Committee
- 16. Hollis, Cymone, Board of Dieticians
- 17. Kast, Elisabeth, Bermuda Health Council
- 18. Knight, Jordan, Bermuda Nursing Council
- 19. Monk, Michelle, Board of Physiotherapists
- 20. Mullings George, Janice, Bermuda Nursing Council
- 21. Pachai, Jai, Medical Practitioners Professional Conduct Committee
- 22. Peek-Ball, Cheryl, Office of the Chief Medical Officer
- 23. Richards, Natasha, Board of Chiropodists/Podiatrists
- 24. Rogers, David, Bermuda Health Council
- 25. Rogers, Morrisa, Board of Occupational Therapists
- 26. Ross, Fiona, Bermuda Medical Council
- 27. Shah, Kiran, Pharmacy Council
- 28. Simmons-Lanthier, Kauliss, Bermuda Psychologists Registration Council
- 29. Simons, Char-Lee, Office of the Chief Medical Officer
- 30. Simons, Stephanie, Pharmacy Council
- 31. Smith, Charmaine, Council for Allied Health Professions
- 32. Smith, Shawnette, Council for Allied Health Professions
- 33. Smith, Terricca, Board of Diagnostic Imaging Technologists
- 34. Snelling, Juliana, Bermuda Medical Council
- 35. Thompson, Cratonia, Bermuda Dental Board
- 36. Tucker, Sarah, Dental Complaints Committee
- 37. Warren, Lynniece, Bermuda Health Council



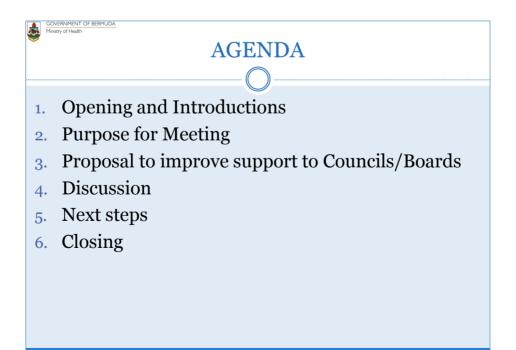
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AGENDA

- 1. Opening and Introductions
- 2. Purpose for Meeting
- 3. Proposal
- 4. Discussion
- 5. Next Steps
- 6. Closing





INTRODUCTIONS

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Permanent Secretary – Jennifer Attride-Stirling, PhD.

Chief Medical Officer – Dr. Cheryl Peek-Ball

Policy Analyst – Eshe Coleman

Bermuda Health Council – Ricky Brathwaite, PhD.;

Lynniece Warren; Elisabeth Kast

