Greetings from the Steering Committee of FACT-Manitoba

We have quickly advanced to a very exciting stage of the process of regulation in Manitoba. The Ministry of Health has reviewed the application for the regulation of Counselling Therapists and is now in the process of consulting the public, practitioners, associations and stakeholders about whether they are in favour of regulation. The body that is conducting the consultation is the Health Professions Advisory Council (HPAC).

**FACT-Manitoba has an urgent need for your help!**

1. FACT-Manitoba will host a second information update on regulation in Manitoba. The updates will run on Friday, January 7th at 2:00 pm, and Sunday January 9th at 3:00 pm. Please attend one of these one-hour webinars if possible. They will address a number of important and time-sensitive items. The Zoom link are below.

2. It will be important for HPAC to receive as many letters supporting regulation as possible between now and January 31, 2022.

- Please review [THIS](#) letter and show your support for regulation by participating in this important letter writing campaign.
- Please also share this letter with all who care about increasing access and safety in the counselling profession in Manitoba. We want to firmly demonstrate the importance of regulation and the overwhelming support it has, so we are encouraging everyone to distribute this widely in your professional and personal circles.
- The letter from yourself and letters from the public should be addressed to the Health Professions Advisory Council at [hpac@gov.mb.ca](mailto:hpac@gov.mb.ca) and cc or bcc to myself at [counsellor@russellcounselling.com](mailto:counsellor@russellcounselling.com) so that we can have a tally of how many letters are being received by HPAC.

We are in a mental health and addiction crisis. Now more than ever, regulation is needed, and it is imperative that we make clear to the government the damaging impacts that not regulating the profession will cause.

**Please participate and please share your stories of why this matters to you.**

The time to act is now! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact myself at the email address below.
Zoom Link for Friday, Jan 7th 2:00 pm
Don Russell is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FACT-Manitoba Zoom Meeting
Time: Jan 7, 2022 02:00 PM Winnipeg

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85137458741?pwd=bDlqQThZQ3plQWxFQkFZZml0bFJLdz09
Meeting ID: 851 3745 8741
Passcode: 428501

Zoom Link for Sunday Jan 9th 3:00 pm
Don Russell is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FACT-MB Zoom Meeting Update
Time: Jan 9, 2022 03:00 PM Winnipeg

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 847 6724 5680
Passcode: 508802

Thanks in advance for your response to this important initiative.

Don Russell
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