

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:

Psychological Association of Manitoba

And

Saskatchewan College of Psychologists

Telepsychology can be defined as "the use of information and communications technology to deliver psychological services and information over large and small distances" (adapted from Picot, 1998)¹. Practice within psychology using this modality, for the purpose of this memorandum of understanding (MOU), would include all client-centered services delivered to psychologists and/or their immediate family members (i.e., spouses, partners, children, stepchildren, adopted children) and staff members of provincial regulatory bodies and associations.

WHEREAS the psychology regulatory jurisdictions noted are desirous of facilitating the provision of telepsychology services by duly qualified Registered Psychologists and/or Psychological Associates between the jurisdictions, and whereas the jurisdictions have endorsed the Model Telepsychology Standards of the Association of Canadian Psychology Regulatory Organizations (ACPRO), the two bodies agree as follows:

1. To the following understandings:

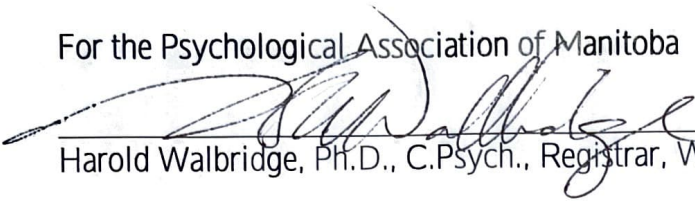
- a) The "home jurisdiction" will be considered the psychology regulatory jurisdiction in which the Psychologist / Psychological Associate is licensed for independent practice;
- b) The "receiving jurisdiction" will be considered the psychology regulatory jurisdiction in which the client resides at the time of receiving services from the Psychologist / Psychological Associate;
- c) This MOU applies only to those who are in "good standing" and are licensed for independent full practice in the "home jurisdiction," and applies only to those delivering telepsychology from their home jurisdiction and where that home jurisdiction is a signatory to this MOU;
- d) This MOU applies only to the delivery of telepsychology services, and does not entitle the Psychologist / Psychological Associate to claim licensure in the "receiving jurisdiction" or to provide in-person services in the "receiving jurisdiction;" and

¹ Picot, J. (1998) *Sector Competitiveness Frameworks Series: Telehealth Industry Part I - Overview and Prospects*. Industry Canada: Industry Sector Health Industries (as cited in National Initiative for Telehealth Guidelines - Environmental Scan of Organizational, Technology, Clinical and Human Resource Issues, April 2003, Canadian Society of Telehealth)

- e) This MOU is for the express purpose of providing psychologists and their immediate family members, as well as staff members of the signatories of this MOU and staff members of the provincial associations, with psychological services outside of their "home jurisdiction" and does not allow the provision of services to other citizens of the "receiving jurisdiction."
2. That each jurisdiction shall require of its registrants, that before commencing telepsychology practice into the "receiving jurisdiction" the registrant shall notify the receiving jurisdiction, providing the registrant's name, contact information, and registration number; re-notifications would take place at the start of each calendar year as appropriate.
 3. That each jurisdiction shall require of its registrants providing services, that before commencing telepsychology practice with a particular client in accordance with section 1(e) in the "receiving jurisdiction," they receive confirmation that the client requesting service confirm their registration or status as a staff member in their "home jurisdiction" to verify eligibility of telepsychology services.
 4. That any complaints received respecting the telepsychology practice of persons who are not registrants of the "receiving jurisdiction" will be referred to the "home jurisdiction" as a disciplinary complaint and no prosecution in the "receiving jurisdiction" shall be commenced.
 5. That the "home jurisdiction" agrees it will accept and investigate complaints against its registrants; and
 6. That the "home jurisdiction" will bear all costs and liabilities associated with investigating and adjudicating complaints against the telepsychology practice of its registrants.
 7. This agreement may be cancelled at any time by any party with 2 weeks written notice, preventing any new telepsychology services being arranged. Cancellation of this agreement will not affect existing telepsychology services for reasons of continuity of care.
 8. The term of this Memorandum of Understanding is two years from 05/15, 2023. The parties agree that they will consult prior to the expiry of the term with a view to discussing the possible extension of the term of the Memorandum and/or any other matters that the parties deem necessary related to the Memorandum.

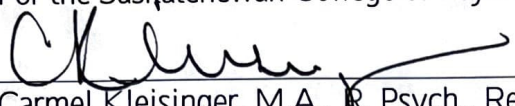
This Memorandum of Understanding was signed this 15 day of May, 2023.

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