

# College of Counselling Therapy of Alberta

**Minister of Mental Health and Addiction**

Mon, Oct 23,  
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to me, Health

Please see response below from Minister Williams to your email sent on August 4, 2023.

Dear Laura Hahn:

Thank you for your email to Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health, regarding the proclamation of the College of Counselling Therapy of Alberta. As Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

I have shared your email and accompanying fact sheet about the College of Counselling Therapy of Alberta with ministry staff for their information.

The proposal to regulate the counselling therapy profession involves extensive consultations with various interest groups. We are taking the time necessary to consider all relevant perspectives and analyze potential impacts on the health care system, service providers, Indigenous communities and the public.

Alberta's government is committed to increasing access to mental health and addiction services that support the needs of Albertans who require them. Through investment in Alberta Health Services programs and services, Albertans have access to publicly funded mental health and addiction services, including counselling with psychologists and other service providers. Alberta Health Services employs hundreds of psychologists across the province to provide mental health and addiction services in hospitals, health care centres, mental health facilities, community clinics and primary care and specialty clinics.

I recognize your support and advocacy for the regulation of counselling therapists in Alberta and appreciate your patience as this important work continues.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Dan Williams, ECA  
Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

cc: Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health