

# Req Meeting with Minister of Mental Health & Addiction Regarding College of Counselling Therapy

October 10, 2023

Dear Minister Dan Williams

We appreciated the opportunity to begin conversations with your office since your election about the College of Counselling Therapy of Alberta during the September 12, 2023, meeting with Eric Engler. We were pleased to hear the Minister's office is currently identifying when the work about the CCTA will be scheduled within this Government's four-year work plan and would like to discuss this with you.

Eric clarified that although the CCTA file overlaps with multiple ministries, including Health, movement on the file requires your decisions as the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction. We respectfully request a meeting with you to answer your questions and hear your plans and directions.

We have also been informed by the office of Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education, that the work on auto-credentialing for Counselling Therapists cannot move forward until the CCTA file is further along. It was indicated that the Government of Alberta is doing "backend work to ensure that the improvements to this file are robust, effective and well-planned." We like the opportunity to meet with you to discuss and learn about the work being done or planned. We wish to maintain an open dialogue with you to support your mandates and reduce workloads.

The CCTA achieves deliverable outcomes in cross-ministry mandates; likewise, the delay is detrimental across ministries. Please let us know when you can meet at your earliest convenience to discuss the CCTA.

Sincerely,

Laura Hahn, Interim CEO & Registrar, ACTA  
Nicole Imgrund, Chair, ACTA

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