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Members and Stakeholders

Dear Members and Stakeholders,

Re: The International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation

The Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI) is pleased to release *The International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation* ('the Framework'), approved by the CCEI Board of Directors in June 2016.

The Framework has been developed through a comprehensive process over the past three years, involving a line-by-line mapping of the *Program Standards, Competencies, and Accreditation Policies and Procedures* of the:

- Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia;
- Federation of Canadian Chiropractic;
- Council on Chiropractic Education – United States; and
- European Council on Chiropractic Education.

Using a qualitative research program, 'NVivo', each document was coded into nine major themes (Mission, Planning and Assessment; Ethics and Integrity; Governance and Administration; Faculty; Resources; Educational Program; Students; Research and Scholarship; Service). In turn each of these themes were sub-coded. In all, over 100 codes were generated.

Once the documents were coded, a new framework for chiropractic education and accreditation was drafted based on a comparison of each of these codes. This comparison indicated that there is remarkable consistency in the accreditation standards and practices across those agencies.

Through 2014 and early 2015, the Steering Group, with representatives of each of the four member agencies at the time, met to critically review the draft framework. The CCEI Board approved progress at a number of key steps throughout this process.

Through 2015 and 2016, the draft Framework went through two stages of stakeholder consultation. The first stage of consultation, from April 2015, was with the four CCEI member agencies, and the second stage, starting November 2015, was with stakeholders more broadly. At each stage, feedback was considered and incorporated by the Steering Group and CCEI Board.

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CCE Australasia
www.ccea.com.au

Federation of Canadian Chiropractic (FCC)
www.chirofed.ca

European CCE
www.cce-europe.org

The Framework (attached) reflects best practices in the accreditation of chiropractic programs around the world. This new framework is expanded from the previous document, which contained program standards and accreditation procedures to also now include competencies. The language used is intended to be 'plain English' and broadly understood across all jurisdictions and environments. While they are also intended to allow for the fast pace of change in healthcare and education internationally, it is expected that the Framework and jurisdictional standards will need to evolve over time.

On behalf of CCEI, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those around the world who have been involved in the revision process, from CCEI member agencies as well as our broader stakeholders. The Framework will contribute to the portability of chiropractors around the world, with the goals of CCEI and its member agencies pursued within broader systems where quality education, assessment/examination and licensing/registration work together to assure the provision of safe and effective chiropractic care.

Yours sincerely,



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