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Carl Roy Board Chair British Columbia College of Oral Health Professionals

Dear Carl:

I am writing to congratulate you, the College Board, and staff on your amalgamation of four legacy colleges to become the single British Columbia College of Oral Health Professionals.

This is a significant achievement and I recognize the hard work, dedication and commitment that was required to make this amalgamation a success. This includes the work to develop a new set of college bylaws, college processes, and begin developing a new culture and identity for the amalgamated college, while also continuing the best practices and legacies of the four former oral health regulators.

I thank the Boards of the four legacy colleges for their leadership and clear commitment to amalgamation, setting up the project for success, and empowering the Transition Steering Committee to accomplish the goal. I also thank the Transition Steering Committee and college staff for their leadership in making the amalgamation happen and for building the new platform for the BC College of Oral Health Professionals to be successful.

I commend you for proactively supporting the implementation of the Steering Committee on Modernization of Health Professional Regulation's recommendations to establish larger and more well-resourced colleges which have sufficient resources to deliver on their mandate to protect the public from harm. As you know, amalgamation is an important step in helping to increase collaboration and linkages between professions, reduce complexity for the public, employers, and professionals, and enhance public safety by facilitating more efficient and effective regulation.

Thank you again for your openness to change, as well as your leadership in modernizing health professional regulation in BC. Looking forward, I encourage you to document and share your lessons learned and recommendations to assist other colleges in their efforts towards modernization.

Sincerely,

Adrian Dix Minister

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