

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

For those of you new to our Updates, below is a synopsis of the ‘psychotherapy’ legislative abuse that has been foisted on Ontario over the last decade:

One FHRCO-affiliated psychologist claimed that ‘psychotherapy’ *may* be ‘dangerous’. That psychologist had the ear of the Ontario Minister of Health, bent it a little, and suddenly the Minister started the ball rolling on ‘legislation’, first by referring the ‘matter’ to his advisors at HPRAC. HPRAC advised that psychotherapy was not defined, had no coherent education requirements and that a *controlled act of psychotherapy* would be incoherent and unworkable, and was ignored.

According to Freedom of Information releases from the Ministry of Health, no proof exists that

(a) psychotherapy is effective, let alone superior to holistic mental and emotional wellness approaches, and

(b) no studies were done to prove that psychotherapy was dangerous and hence in need of regulation, (as required by our Constitution before infringing upon our rights and freedoms with new legal restrictions).

Nonetheless, psychologists and psychiatrists proceeded to secretly write self-serving psychotherapy legislation, which the Minister embedded into a huge Omnibus Bill where it was passed into law in 2007 without a single MPP being aware of it in time to even consider it. In the background, they redefined ‘psychotherapy’ in their dictionaries of psychology from ‘a psychological intervention’ to encompass some 315 health and wellness treatments and approaches that holistic practitioners do daily.

At millions of taxpayer dollars over the next 8 years, a Transitional Council of the College of Psychotherapy of Ontario was set up by a politically-appointed Registrar, Joyce Rowlands, who would, while collecting over \$100,000 in salary and some \$10,000 in expenses annually, refused for the next decade to answer a single question about who and what was affected by the legislation.

The current Minister secretly proclaimed the *Psychotherapy Act* in April 2015, giving the new College full enforcement powers, which they used to immediately put out of work some 50 practitioners who offered their version of psychotherapy and counselling. When he proclaims the ‘*controlled act of psychotherapy*’ the College will begin eliminating the other 10,000 holistic practitioners from Ontario.

Going to Court is now our only option. We need your help to build the legal fund. Please visit: www.StopPsychotherapyTakeover.ca/donations