

Memorandum of Understanding respecting Telepsychology Services

Between:

**The Government of Nunavut as represented by the Minister of Health
("the GN")**

And

**The College of Psychologists of Ontario
("the College")**

WHEREAS:

- A. The GN is responsible for licensing and regulating medical psychologists in Nunavut;
- B. The College is responsible for registering and regulating psychologists and psychological associates in Ontario; and
- C. Ontario psychologists and psychological associates, hereafter referred to as Members of the College, provide psychology services to Nunavut residents from their offices in Ontario by telephone, videoconference, or other electronic means ("telepsychology");

THEREFORE, the Parties Agree:

- 1. All psychologists practicing in Nunavut must be licensed by the GN pursuant to the *Psychologists Act*.
- 2. All Members of the the College practicing in Ontario must be registered by the College pursuant to the *Psychology Act, 1991*. Members of the the College may practice psychology with patients in Nunavut from their offices in Ontario via telepsychology without obtaining a Nunavut license.
- 3. Members of the the College will be subject to the registration requirements of the College when providing telepsychology.
- 4. The College maintains jurisdiction over its members, regardless of the physical location of the member or whether they practice psychology in-person or via telepsychology.
- 5. The College shall investigate and dispose of complaints and reports involving persons referred to in section 2, with respect to patients in Nunavut in substantially the same manner that they would with respect to patients in Ontario, including referring members to the Discipline or Fitness to Practice processes.

6. The College shall inform the Nunavut Registrar of any action referred to in section 5 that is taken by the College.
7. The Nunavut Registrar shall forward any complaints received with respect to persons referred to in section 5 to the College.
8. Investigations regarding care provided by a Member of the College via telepsychology will be informed by the law, standards and regulations effective in Ontario, including the College's policies or guidelines respecting telepsychology.
9. The GN will assist the College in conducting its investigations in Nunavut upon request.
10. The GN agrees not to prosecute any Member of the College for practising psychology without a license contrary to the *Psychologists Act* where the Member of the College practices telepsychology to Nunavut residents in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding.
11. Any notice required to be given herein or any other communication required by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be addressed as follows:

a) To the GN:
Megan Hunt
Deputy Minister
Department of Health
Government of Nunavut
PO Box 1000 Stn. 1000
Iqaluit NU X0A 0H0
E-Mail Address: mhunt@gov.nu.ca

b) To the College:

Dr. Tony DeBono, PhD., C.Psych.
Registrar & Executive Director
The College of Psychologists of Ontario
110 Eglinton Avenue West
Suite 500
Toronto ON M4R 1A3

12. This Agreement shall be effective from the 1st of September , 2023 and shall terminate on the 31th day of August 2028
13. This Agreement may be extended for an additional term by the mutual consent of the Parties.
14. This Agreement is prepared in English by the mutual consent of the parties.
15. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts and each such counterpart shall constitute an original document and such counterparts, taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument. Execution and delivery of this

Agreement or a counterpart thereof by any party by fax or electronically shall constitute valid and effective execution and delivery, but each party shall retain an originally executed copy of the Agreement.

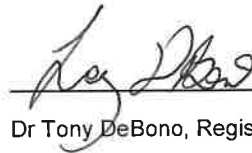
IN AGREEMENT WITH THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS the parties hereto set down their signatures, by hand or by facsimile, and together bind themselves to this Agreement as of the day of April 13th, 2023.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT:

FOR THE COLLEGE:



Megan Hunt Deputy Minister



Dr Tony DeBono, Registrar & Executive Director