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**HPRAC RESPONSE**

I am responding to the report as an individual committed to interprofessional collaboration and teamwork.

1. I agree with the content of the definition of interprofessional (IP) collaboration but would add something like the following: Improve communication (both written and verbal) amongst healthcare providers or minimize barriers to IP collaborative communication (written and verbal).

22. Yes. A joint quality assurance program would enable Colleges to develop common standards of practice or professional practice guidelines. One of the most significant barriers to interprofessional service delivery is the standards and guidelines established by individual Colleges related to

documentation. Service is provided in an interprofessional integrated manner, documentation should be done in the same way.

Within this joint QA program an emphasis could be placed on IP core competencies. Individuals would need to demonstrate efforts to develop, enhance and maintain IP core competencies.

**Additional comments**

One of the biggest challenges to interprofessional collaboration is breaking down the perceived artificial barriers imposed by professionalism and "College standards". This is particularly noted (as already stated) in group/interdisciplinary reports, where healthcare providers cite strict documentation guidelines by professional Colleges. This impedes collaborative practice, the integration of findings and recommendations, which in turn impacts the ability to provide clients/families with the information they require in a meaningful way.

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