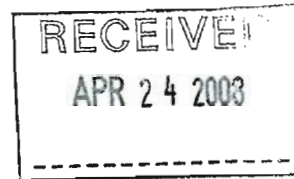


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Dear Mrs. Schiefer,

On behalf of the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in the review of the Discussion Guide on Interprofessional Collaboration. Although it is difficult for us in higher education to comment on legislative/regulatory/structural barriers we do have some comments to offer in terms of eliminating the barriers to collaboration among the Colleges. More specifically, our feedback is in the realm of education and is related to the following Guide question:

4. Are there other policy and/or systems issues that act as barriers to collaboration among the Colleges? If so, what are they? Should they be eliminated? If so, how?

Better collaboration could be achieved if the colleges were educated about the services offered by health professions other than their own. This should happen at the entry level. For example, the different university programs (medical schools, PT/OT schools, dentistry, chiropractic schools, etc) should include an educational unit related to the services provided by other health care professions and the relative efficacy. In terms of research, a move toward better collaboration will happen as the allied health and medical professionals strive for more cost effective treatments. It is my sincere hope that future research efforts are directed along this line of investigation.

Hoping that this is helpful, I am looking forward for the results of this process.

Sincerely,

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