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Subject: Fwd: Response to DCP AR proposal online survey

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Dear all,

Below is my OBJECTION sent to Hong Kong Psychological Society - Division of Clinical Psychologist with regards to their AR proposal.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 29 June 2018 at 09:04
Subject: Response to DCP AR proposal online survey
To: dcp@hkps.org.hk

Dear DCP,

My name is [REDACTED], currently serving as a capacity of clinical psychologist in private practice in Hong Kong. **I would like to voice my OBJECTION to the current AR proposal from DCP because the proposal will EXCLUDE ME** – who is a competent clinical psychologist in training.

I will be excluded with my competence as described below:

1. Academics: I graduated from Alliant International University PsyD program – a world class level doctoral clinical psychology program with a total of 7 years of master level and doctoral level psychology training. My research result is invited to share in the American Psychological Association. Currently I am doing further research on psychology for the wellbeing of the Hong Kong community.
2. Clinical supervision: Not only did I receive supervision from U.S licensed CP during my PsyD program. I also received two senior CP supervision (licensed CP in Australia and USA respectively) over all my post doctorate hours according to US and Australia CP registration board requirement
3. Devotion to pro bono clinical psychologist services: I served on pro bono basis to under privileged people at least 2 days per week. My patients are those not able to get adequate clinical psychologists services from current service providers in public or private sectors. My patients ranged from caregivers for chronic illness, elders and parents with children with SENS.
4. Enabling awareness on public mental health importance: I serve as consultant, advisers to several NGOs who do not have the resources to promote public mental health awareness. Integrated team work with social workers, psychiatrists, nurses, OT and PT is involved in my consulting role in these organizations.

If the AR proposal from DCP is passed, the consequences will be detrimental to our society because:

1. It excludes “other” well-qualified CPs from membership – excludes those who served in private practice

- instead of hospital and NGOs; or those without bachelor degree on psychology
2. It insists on an old fashioned supervision model that does not serve clients' best interests – excludes those doctoral CP graduates who got supervised under US, Australia and UK model
 3. It denies 100+ well-qualified CPs access to serve the public's mental health needs – while the current clinical psychologist services are so under-supply.

Our society is in need of more clinical psychologists to help those in need. I don't think EXCLUSION is the correct way to go. We need less PREJUDICE but more CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST in action!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Note: I do not choose to response to your online survey but write this email detailing my objection because the survey design was not able to fully express my view (those questions were not able to address the current clinical psychology profession needs and the questions were set with assumptions on response).