



FOR ALL OF US

RESPONSE TO MANITOBA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Q: Will you ensure all eligible government staff working within the scope of social work practice are registered with the Manitoba College of Social Workers?

We commit to working with the College towards the goal of universal registration of social workers in the province. We are committed to working with the college on all policy and legislative changes to ensuring that all workers practicing social work in our province do so in a manner that upholds the best practices of the profession and ensures Manitobans receive the quality services they deserve.

Q: Will you amend *The Social Work Profession Act* to require anyone who practices social work in Manitoba, under any title, to be registered with the Manitoba College of Social Workers?

Social workers play a crucial role in society, their dedication and commitment to their profession is admirable. As a society, we place a great deal of trust in social workers and, like other professions, we know Manitobans count on them to be able to intervene effectively and quickly in difficult situations. Like you, we aim to protect the public, improve the quality of care and enhance professional development among Manitoba's social workers. We share the goal of ensuring all staff working within the scope of social work practice are registered with the College and will work with the College to realize this goal over time.

Q: Will you amend the *Child and Family Services Act* to ensure that social workers, like health care professionals under *The Mental Health Act*, are able to disclose information to the College in order to respond to complaints?

The NDP are committed to supporting regulated professions and the bodies who oversee them. We understand the value professional organizations bring to their membership and to the people they serve. Regulatory oversight of the profession is in the public interest of Manitobans and therefore important to us. In this respect, the NDP will be eager to work with you toward our shared goal of realizing a fully regulated social work sector and we look forward to further collaboration.

We commit to working with the College to ensure they are able to properly fulfill their regulatory role and have access to all the necessary tools required. We know that by working in collaboration we can achieve the goal of a fully regulated profession in a safe, practical and reasonable time frame.