

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Re: Canadian Coalition for Homeopathic Medicine (CCHM)
From: Jo Twiss, Head Political Action committee
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Nearly two years ago, West Coast Homeopathic Society became one of the founding members of the Canadian Coalition for Homeopathic Medicine (CCHM). Along with approximately 25 other homeopathic organizations from across Canada, we established a coalition to work with similar coalitions representing other natural health care modalities. Together, the coalitions were expected to co-ordinate an economic sector study for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, with the CCHM representing homeopathic interests. At the time, I agreed to act as representative for all organizations in BC and to fill the position of Vice President on the Executive.

Within a year, two of the largest organizations (NUPATH and OHA) had withdrawn from the CCHM. Since the sector study proposal would require 80-90% representation of the entire profession, clearly it was essential that these two groups be encouraged back into the Coalition. However, there was little support for this from organizations based outside of BC. Over time, the WCHS Board became more and more disillusioned about the future of the Coalition and gave notice that no more money would be paid into this project until our concerns were addressed.

Finally by March 2003 I was instructed by the Board to resign as Vice-President of the CCHM and a month later West Coast Homeopathic Society formally withdrew membership with the Coalition.

Jo Twiss