

Canadian Network of Pediatric Hospices

Terms of Reference

Purpose:

The Canadian Network of Pediatric Hospices (CNPH) fosters collaboration and sharing among pediatric residential hospices in Canada. The network provides leadership about pediatric palliative care to residential hospice settings.

Membership:

All pediatric residential hospices in Canada that have registered charity status and a Board of Directors and/or provincial health funding are eligible to participate as members. CHPCA will participate as an observer. CNPH will include others as observers from time to time. The committee will elect/acclaim a chair on a 2 yr term. The chair will also be the representative in the CNPPC committee.

Meeting frequency:

There will be a minimum of four meetings per year.

Quorum:

CNPH requires minimum attendance of 50% of the membership +1 for decision making. Meetings can be held without quorum for discussion purposes.

Functions:

1. Develop guidelines for establishing a pediatric residential hospice, utilizing existing norms of practice and emerging standards of care.
2. Sharing information on pediatric residential hospices for the CNPCC website.
3. Educate and increase awareness about pediatric residential hospice care.
4. Advocate for the provision of pediatric residential hospices.

Reporting:

CNPH operates as a standing sub-committee of the Canadian Network of Palliative Care for Children (CNPCC), under Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA). Recording of minutes will be shared among the members. Approved minutes will be distributed to all members, observers, CNPCC and CHPCA and on the CNPCC website.

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