

Canadian Network of Pediatric Hospices

Terms of Reference

Mandate:

The Canadian Network of Pediatric Hospices (CNPH) fosters collaboration among pediatric hospices in Canada. The network will use existing standards of care and guidelines and adapt them to free-standing pediatric hospices. CNPH will develop a model and guidelines to establish a pediatric hospice. CNPH operates as a standing committee of the Canadian Network of Palliative Care for Children (CNPCC).

Membership:

All pediatric free standing hospices in Canada that have provincial recognition, registered charity status and a Board of Directors are eligible to participate as members. CHPCA will participate as an observer. CNPH will include others as observers from time to time.

Meeting frequency:

There will be a minimum of three teleconferences and one face-to-face meeting (at CHPCA conference) 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.

Minutes:

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.

Goals:

1. Develop guidelines for establishing a pediatric hospice.
2. Develop information about CNPH and pediatric hospices on the CNPCC website.
3. Develop standards of practice for pediatric palliative care.
4. Educate other health care professionals about pediatric hospice care.
5. Conduce annual public awareness activities about pediatric hospice care.
6. Advocate for pediatric hospices.
7. Ensure consistency in description of pediatric hospice care.