
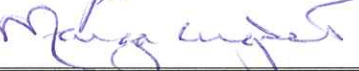




SUN COUNTRY HEALTH REGION
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Subject:	Regional Ethics Committee	
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**Regional Ethics Committee
Terms of Reference**

PURPOSE: The Ethics Committee exists as an advisory committee to the region on ethical issues.

ORGANIZATION:

Accountability: The Ethics Committee is accountable to the President and Chief Executive Officer.

Membership: President and Chief Executive Officer
 Director of Rural Health Nursing Services – East / West – 1 Representative
 Vice President Community Health
 Physicians – Medical Health Officer, Vice President Medical,
 Physician
 Psychiatry Representative
 Regional Director Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) & Patient
 Safety
 Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Manager
 Board Member
 Staff Representatives
 Regional Director of Home Care
 Ministerial Association Representative
 Regional Director of Mental Health & Addictions
 Palliative Care Representative
 *Director Patient & Resident Care, St. Joseph’s Hospital of Estevan
 Legal Representative
 Communications Coordinator
 Community Member
 Patient/Family Advisor Representative – 2 Representatives
 Human Resources Representative

*St. Joseph's Hospital of Estevan (representative for the
Affiliates: Borderline Housing, Carnduff, and Radville Marian
Health Centre)

Chairperson: As appointed by the membership.

Meetings: The team meets quarterly and additional meetings are held as
needed at the call of the chair. Minutes of the meetings are
distributed to each team member.

Reporting Relationship: The Ethics Committee provides a written report to the Sun
Country Regional Health Authority, Leadership Team and
staff on an annual basis.

TERM: Terms of reference are reviewed annually and revised accordingly.

FUNCTION: The Ethics Committee will:

- a) Act as a resource for clients, families, practitioners and staff.
- b) Educate committee members, regional staff, practitioners and
others interested in health care ethics.
- c) Encourage open dialogue within the region and broader
community concerning ethical issues.
- d) Act in a consultant role to the region on research activities with
ethical implications that may include approval or denial of
research projects.
- e) Help in the development of policies, procedures, rules, and
regulations for issues having ethical implications.
- f) Present information on ethics to the public.
- g) Evaluate information, cases, events brought before the committee
and make recommendations about the same.
- h) Evaluate the functions of the committee on an annual basis.

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