

CHPCA Spiritual Advisors Interest Group
Standards of Practice Motion

MOTION

Concerning the Development

of

National Standards of Practice

for

Hospice Palliative Care Spiritual Care Professionals

This Motion was presented at the annual meeting of the Spiritual Advisors Interest Group of the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) on Sunday, October 18, 2009, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Motion:

MOVED by Dan Cooper and SECONDED by Joseph Chandrakanthan...

WHEREAS, Canada is a multi-cultural society in which there exists a constitutional mandate for freedom of religion and religious expression, which may reasonably be interpreted to include access to high quality spiritual care in healthcare; and,

WHEREAS, professional healthcare disciplines typically publish and require members to adhere to standards of practice relevant to their scope of practice; and,

WHEREAS, Standards of practice are intended to give rise to enhancement of practice, greater accountability and the potential to demonstrate improved outcomes of care; and,

WHEREAS, there are presently no standards of practice in Canada specifically designed for the workplace context of the *Professional Hospice Palliative Care Spiritual Care Provider* (HPC-SCP); and,

WHEREAS, recent pan-Canadian spiritual care collaboration (the Spiritual Care Development Initiative of the Pallium Project) and the continuing development of HPC spiritual care standards in other international jurisdictions (USA & UK), demonstrates that the development of such pan-Canadian Standards of Practice is both feasible and timely;

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Therefore, be it resolved,

THAT the Spiritual Advisors' Interest Group of the CHPCA, meeting in a plenary session of its members present at this annual conference, proposes to:

- undertake a study of national and international documents relevant to Standards of Practice in the provision of Spiritual Care in Hospice Palliative Care, and,
- undertake a process of development of pan-Canadian Standards of Practice for HPC-SCP's, and,
- present these Standards of Practice to the Board of the CHPCA for adoption and promulgation not later than the annual general meeting of the Association in 2011.

End of Motion

Proposed Guiding Documents:

- *A Model to Guide Hospice Palliative Care: Based on Principles and Norms of Practice* – Canadian Hospice Palliative care Association, CHPCA (2005, March 2002) -- <http://www.market-marche.chpca.net/chpca/marketplace.nsf/prodnum/0605ECD!opendocument&language=English>
- *The Professional Hospice Palliative Care Spiritual Care Provider* [occupational analysis profile] – Pallium Project (2005) -- http://www.cappe.org/dacum/download/Pallium_DACUM_HPCSpiritCarePro_March2005FINALA.pdf
- CAPPE/ACPEP Standards of Practice (Feb 2004) -- <http://www.cappe.org/members/download/standardsofpractice.pdf>
- *Common Standards for Professional Chaplaincy* -- Council on Collaboration (including CAPPE/ACPEP) (2004) -- <http://www.acpe.edu/acroread/Common%20Standards%20for%20Professional%20Chaplaincy%20Revised%20March%202005.pdf>
- *Guidelines for Spiritual Care in Hospice* – National Hospice Palliative Care Organization, NHPCO (USA) [Professional Development and Resource Series -- order # 820015] (2001) -- http://iweb.nhpc.org/iweb/Purchase/ProductDetail.aspx?Product_code=820015
- *Standards of Spiritual and Religious Care for Health Services in Canada*. The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, CHAC & the Canadian Association of Pastoral Practice and Education, CAPPE/ACPEP. (2000) -- <http://www.chac.ca/resources/index.php#standards>

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- *Standards for Hospice & Palliative Care Chaplaincy (2nd ed.) (2006)*-- Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains, AHPCC (UK) (2006) -- <http://www.ahpcc.org.uk/pdf/ahpccstandards2006.pdf>
- *Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care(2nd ed.)* -- National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care (USA) (2009) -- <http://www.nationalconsensusproject.org/guideline.pdf>

Other Relevant Resources:

- *Developing Spiritual Care Capacity for Hospice Palliative Care (ver. 1.0).* Pallium Project (2006) -- <http://www.market-marche.chpca.net/chpca/marketplace.nsf/prodnum/0622E!opendocument&language=English> and see: http://www.pallium.ca/infoware/Pallium_CHPCAItem622_SCD_ResDesc.pdf
- *CAPPE/ACPEP Code of Ethics for Chaplains, Pastoral Counselors, Pastors, Pastoral Educators and Students (Feb 2009).* http://www.cappe.org/resources/code_of_ethics/code%202009.pdf
- *Common Code of Ethics for Chaplains, Pastoral Counselors, Pastoral Educators and Students* – Council on Collaboration (2004) -- <http://spiritualcarecollaborative.org/docs/common-code-ethics.pdf>
- *Complementary Spiritual Practices in Professional Chaplaincy* – Association of Professional Chaplains (USA) June 1 2009 -- http://www.professionalchaplains.org/uploadedFiles/pdf/06sep%20draft%20REVISED_3_Sue.pdf