

Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA)

Social Work/Counselling Interest Group

Purpose

Provide a common voice for hospice palliative care social workers and counsellors in Canada.

Goals

- To provide advocacy, consultation and leadership on issues related to psychosocial hospice palliative care (including bereavement) such as education, policy and practice.
- To promote and support best practices in hospice palliative care social work/counselling.
- To provide opportunities for members of the interest group to network, share accomplishments and concerns, and address issues.
- To promote and support education and research in psychosocial hospice palliative care.

Membership

Members of CHPCA who are social workers, counsellors or other professionals providing psychosocial care, either as specialists or as part of a generalist practice. Other professions may include psychologists, spiritual care providers, and art or music therapists.

Membership Fee

\$20.00/year [to support teleconferencing, supplies, etc.]

Meetings and Communication

The interest group will meet annually, in conjunction with the CHPCA conference. Meetings may also occur at other national or provincial conferences and events.

The interest group will communicate through the CHPCA Yahoo listserve and email or teleconference, as possible.

Steering Committee

The interest group will conduct its business through a steering committee. It will regularly communicate with members, as per annual plan.

- Activities
 - Initiatives agreed upon by interest group members at annual meeting or by electronic consensus process between meetings
- Membership
 - 1 member from each province, 1 member from the north
 - Chair – does not represent a geographical region
- Term
 - 2 years, renewable
 - Term starts at interest group annual meeting at CHPCA conference
- Meetings
 - Schedule set at annual meeting or at call of the chair
- Communication
 - via email, teleconference when possible