

Manitoba College of Social Workers Standards and Ethics Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Standards and Ethics Committee provides guidance and advice to the Board with respect to the establishment and revision of practice standards, code of ethics and practice directives.

Composition

The Standards and Ethics Committee shall be comprised of members of the College, including at least 1 member of the MCSW Board of Directors. The committee shall be supported by the Manager of Regulatory Practice and/or the Executive Director/Registrar.

The Chair of the Committee shall be selected from among Committee members. Additional MCSW staff and/or legal counsel may participate in meetings as deemed necessary. The Committee shall strive to ensure appropriate representation from Indigenous Peoples, which may include consulting with or adding individuals when needed on an ad hoc basis, particularly when dealing with a matter that predominately affects the interests of Indigenous Peoples.

Authority

The Standards and Ethics Committee has the responsibility to:

1. conduct reviews of currently established/adopted Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics and any other practice directives issued by the College
2. propose additions, deletions and/or revisions to the Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics and any other practice directives, for consideration by the Board
3. develop new practice standards, code of ethics and practice directives for consideration by the Board

The Standards and Ethics Committee shall maintain current Terms of Reference (TOR) which must be approved by the Board.

Decision-Making

Decisions of the Standards and Ethics Committee will be determined by consensus whenever possible. Where a consensus decision is not possible, all information regarding the related matter will be presented to the Board for consideration.

Quorum

Three (3) persons shall comprise a quorum of the Standards and Ethics Committee.

Terms

Committee members shall serve for a period of three (3) years and may be renewed for a successive term of three (3) years.

Meetings

The Committee will meet at intervals determined necessary to conduct the business of the Committee or at the request

of the Board, Executive Director/Registrar and/or Manager of Regulatory Practice. Minutes of each meeting will be maintained in the College records.

Reporting and Accountability

The Standards and Ethics Committee has direct accountability and reporting responsibility through the chair of the Committee to the Board of Directors. Members of the Committee shall adhere to the MCSW Code of Conduct.

References:

Social Work Profession Act, 60(1)(e), 62

Social Work Profession Regulation, 15(1), 20

MCSW Amended and Restated By-Law, 3-1

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