

CWC P.G. CO. BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MARCH 17, 2020

ETHICS FRAMEWORK AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS UPDATE

The CWC PCN Ethics Framework and Decision-making Process is an introductory aid for the CWC PCN Board of Directors, administrative leadership, and both clinical and non-clinical employees in their decision-making. A strong culture of ethics across both organizational and clinical settings improves patient care and safety, staff work-life, and excellence in care delivery.

The framework presents:

- An overview of the field of ethics
- A decision-making process to help healthcare providers and administrators work through ethical issues in the delivery of health care
- Tools to support individuals and groups in ethical decision-making
- A summary of resources intended to provide ethics guidance

Prior to the Board, the framework was presented for review and input to the members of the Patient Advisory Council, members of the Board Policy & Human Resources Committee, a focus group of physician members, the CWC PCN Medical Director and employees from across the organization.

The Board approved the new Ethics Framework and will incorporate this tool into its decision-making practices. The organization will also roll out the framework to staff and highlight the organization's membership with the Community Ethics Network (CEN) through the CWC PCN Ethics Lead. The CEN is a membership-funded collective of over 50 organizations interested in promoting quality community healthcare and support service. The new Ethics Framework will also be shared with physician members so they are aware of the new supportive framework that their teams may consider using as needed.

2020–21 ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer and the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, the Board and Joint Venture Governance Committee approved the CWC PCN 2020-21 budget that will be submitted to Alberta Health for approval prior to the March 31, 2020, deadline. The Finance, Audit & Risk Committee and the Board reviewed the draft budget in February and March prior to its final review and approval.

COVID-19 UPDATES

A COVID-19 PCN Incident Response Task Force has been created to ensure a coordinated provincial response to the virus. The task force plays a key role in integrating Primary Care Networks (PCNs) into provincial emergency management efforts. The PCN Incident Response Task Force develops communications to address issues specific to PCNs. These communications are supplementary to critical updates distributed through the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta and other channels.

Task force updates will be sent to PCN providers in the following ways:

- Distributed to each PCN through the Executive Directors who will then distribute in their PCNs
- Posted on ahs.ca under the "Information for Primary Care Providers" page.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2020.

Should you have any questions or would like further information, please send your request to board@cwpcn.com or jmacpherson@cwpcn.com