

## **Central Health Authority Regional Directive:**

### **To Provide Excellent Pastoral Care Services in Health**

One of the greatest strengths that the Central Health Authority has is a functional regional pastoral care committee that all the 14 pastoral care Chairpersons and health care staff attend.

Regional goals:

- The goal is to provide four educational events per year. Two educational events are being done at present.
  - Trauma response and emergency training
  - Mental Health Issues
  - Addiction Alcoholism and Recovery Issues
  - Creating focus groups for Central Health Authority
    - Palliative Care
    - Mental Health
    - Alcohol and Addictions
    - Alzheimer's
    - Prenatal Care
- Continue the good relationships with administration and front line staff.
  - To have Pastoral Care workers included in in-service training, and rounds.
  - To have Pastoral Care involvement in Ethics Committees
  - To Communicate the role of Pastoral Care to all Health Care staff
  - Enable Pastoral Care services and Chapel services to be promoted/communicated by all staff to patients.
  - Pastoral Care offices are available and used for Pastoral Care
- To provide Excellent Pastoral Care in the health and community services, in the institution and long term care sites.
  - Create and aftercare program for mental health clients and addictions clients
  - A goal is to have Pastoral Care Chairpersons at Long Term Care Sites alerted to admissions deaths and transfers.
  - To use standard admission questions asked in accordance with the privacy legislation, to all patients and clients regarding Pastoral Care services.
  - Pastoral Care Allied Health Group membership for all Pastoral Care workers would be valued and their membership paid.
- To suggest to government to create a position of a Regional Ecumenical Chaplain
  - This person would have access to all patients and clients and have access to rounds and be part of the interdisciplinary team.
  - The Regional Ecumenical Chaplain would spend 60% of their time providing pastoral care to patients and clients in the Central Health Authority. Administration, communication and creating new programs would account for 40% of the Regional Ecumenical Chaplain's time.
  - The Regional Ecumenical Chaplain would coordinate all pastoral care teams and committees in the region and ensure good communication.

## Pastoral Care Allied Health Group

- The Regional Ecumenical Chaplain would communicate to the Provincial Coordinator what training events are needed and what Pastoral Care committees need help, support and assistance.
- The Regional Ecumenical Chaplain would spend significant time (20%) with providing and developing Pastoral Care with the health and community services clients.
- The Regional Ecumenical Chaplain would highlight what is happening at all sites in the region and encourage community clergy to value Pastoral Care in Health.