

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.