

RESEARCH REVIEW and ETHICS COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

- To ensure that health research carried out on the population served by the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre (SLMHC) and the Sioux Lookout Zone is ethical and of scientific value.
- To ensure that the data generated from the research and other forms of inquiry is of benefit to the consumers, their families, communities and health care providers.
- To ensure that the resulting information is disseminated in an ethical and sensitive manner with attention to culture and community.
- The committee will conform to the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans which is a joint policy of Canada's three federal research agencies; the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).
- To act as an arm's length of the review board for the SLMHC/SLFNHA Research Unit.

Membership:

- (2) Physicians
- (2) Nursing (SLMHC and Sioux Lookout Zone)
- (1) Pharmacy
- (1) Legal representative
- (1) Ethics representative
- (1) Sioux Lookout First Nation Health Authority
- (1) Elder
- (6) Community participation
 - Municipality of Sioux Lookout,
 - Independent First Nations Alliance (IFNA)
 - Keewatinook Okimakanak (Northern Chiefs)
 - Matawa Tribal Council
 - Shibogama Tribal Council
 - Windigo Tribal Council
- (1) Privacy Officer
- (1) Research Program Lead – as non-voting member

An epidemiologist will be available as a resource if required.

Quorum is at least five (5) members.

Guidelines:

The committee will ensure that:

- The research is relevant and pertinent for the population under study.
- Research is carried out such that the:
 - Risk to subject(s) is minimized;
 - Methodology is sound;
 - Confidentiality is protected;
 - Appropriate engagement, consultation and/or collaboration with communities and organizations is obtained
 - OCAP principles will be observed and honoured.
- Appropriate strategies for dissemination of results are identified.
- Safe guards for vulnerable populations are identified.
- Resource implications are identified.
- Committee members are well versed on the issues involved in research decision making.
- The committee will insure that any conflicts of interest involving committee members are identified, declared and properly managed. The call for conflict of interest and any declarations are to be noted in the minutes for each meeting.

Support:

Clerical support for activities will be provided through the Research Unit.