

Quinte Health Care Interprofessional Practice Advisory Committee (IPPAC) Terms of Reference

Purpose:

The Interprofessional Practice Advisory Committee (IPPAC) is a forum for the advancement and support of evidence-based, patient-centered care that crosses services and programs. The overall goal of IPPAC is to support an exceptional patient / family experience through the provision of high quality care that is in alignment with our Interprofessional Practice Framework. (Appendix A).

The IPPAC provides leadership and where appropriate makes decisions on professional practice issues within the organization that are relevant to health care professions (regulated and non-regulated), thereby supporting engagement, promoting accountability, facilitating professional excellence through adoption of evidence-based care, and ensuring high quality patient & family centered care in accordance with the values and strategic directions of QHC.

The Committee supports professional practice advancement in alignment with the Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario with respect to scope of practice, standards and guidelines, quality assurance and research.

Responsibilities:

The IPPAC provides a forum for the:

- promotion of an interprofessional practice culture which is collaborative, provides holistic/comprehensive care, is grounded in open & respectful communication, and facilitates role clarity
- discussion of professional practice issues relevant to more than one health care profession, such as current practices, policies & procedures, standards of care, documentation, scope of practice; and advise or make recommendations that is consistent with:
 - legislation,
 - health regulatory colleges, and
 - accreditation standards (Accreditation Canada, Pharmacy or Laboratory)
- promotion of innovation, integration and collaboration in practice
- support of all health care providers working to full scope of practice
- organization to keep abreast of changes in scope of practice, standards and legislation, and other trends within health care, and to develop mechanisms to incorporate changes into practice
- critical review, analysis, and, where appropriate, approval of policies & protocols and related documents
- provision of input into the education and professional needs of health care providers at QHC
- provision of an organizational approach to annual profession-specific recognition
- provision of input into Interprofessional Orientation for health care providers new to the organization

Membership:

Membership will include representatives from various health care professions.

- Diagnostic Imaging
- Infection Prevention & Control
- Laboratory
- Midwifery
- Nursing (minimum of 3)
- Occupational Therapy



- Physiotherapy
- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Pharmacy
- Personal Support Worker
- Respiratory Therapy
- Recreation Therapy
- Registered Dietitian
- Spiritual Health
- Social Work
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Director, Quality, Patient Safety and Interprofessional Practice
- Loyalist College liaison

Terms of Membership:

Members, other than those by virtue of position, will serve for a period of 24 months, renewable for 12 more months.

A process to stagger turnover will be implemented so that the committee will not experience membership turnover at the same time.

Co-chairs and Terms of Office:

1. Appointed Director, Quality, Patient Safety and Interprofessional Practice (permanent)
2. Selected by members from the membership (two year term, with option to renew for one year)

Meeting Frequency/Schedule:

Monthly, with the exception of July and August, or at the call of either Co-Chair. OTN will be made available.

Decision Making:

A consensus approach will be taken.

Quorum:

50% plus one of the membership.