



COMMUNITY ETHICS NETWORK

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Dear CEN Members,

As Co-chairs of the CEN Steering Committee, we want to thank you for your continued interest, encouragement, participation and support as we continue to develop a unique Network of community-based health and support sector organizations. We, therefore, invite you and your organization to participate the 2009 Fall Workshop “*Defining and Enhancing Ethical Standards in Community Practice*” on **November 17, 2009** at the Sunnybrook Vaughan Estate Courtyard Ballroom, (details in attached Conference Flyer). The all day workshops will be facilitated by Karen Faith, Bioethics Consultant, Educator, and former Director of the Clinical Ethics Centre at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

There are 2 workshops on November 17th. The morning session will feature interactive discussion under the theme “Priority Setting and Pandemic Planning.” Participants will be engaged in the analysis of reality-based case studies that will enhance participants’ understanding of ethics and develop their ethical decision-making skills. Leaders in community practice working in the areas of organizational ethics and pandemic planning are encouraged to attend.

The afternoon will be a joint session attended by front line staff, managers and administrators with the goals of identifying challenges faced by front line staff and learning ways to support them. It will begin with a “*Moral Distress*” presentation. Participants will then break into small groups and continue working on the case studies from the morning session. We will re-convene as a larger group and present key themes identified by participants. These key themes will be reported to the senior leaders of partnering organizations.

Judging by comments from last year’s workshop, case studies are an effective ethics teaching method:

*“The interaction between participants is a vital component to learning”
(Participant evaluation, 2008)*

*“Case studies from the literature are not as strong as the real life experience of ...
colleagues” (PSW participant, 2008)*

Member Agencies:

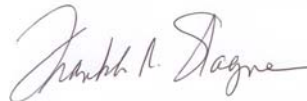
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Community Living
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Casey House Hospice
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City of Toronto Long-Term
Care Homes and Services
Closing the Gap Healthcare
Group
Community Care East York
Community Rehab
COTA Health
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Seniors Inc.
First Health Care Services
George Brown College,
Centre for Health Sciences
HNHB CCAC
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Services
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ParaMed Home Healthcare
Preferred Health Care
Services
ProHome Health Services
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St. Elizabeth Health Care
South Riverdale
Community Health Centre
Spectrum Health Care
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Surrey Place Centre
Therapy Health Care Inc.
Toronto Central CCAC
Toronto Homemaking
Service
Toronto Public Health
VHA Home Healthcare
We Care Health Services

The CEN Steering Committee is looking forward to sharing resources with our partners. There is **NO** limit on representation from each organization; we encourage you to send as many staff members as possible. Please confirm your attendance by returning the registration form to Maria Chau via email at maria.chau@toronto.ccac-ont.ca by November 6, 2009. Be sure to register soon. Last year's workshop sold out!

Thank you for your continued support of the Community Ethics Network.



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