

**Regional Eating Disorders Working Group
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

BROAD MANDATE

The primary purpose of this working group is to provide a forum for collaboration, visioning, planning, problem-solving, quality improvement, and promoting integration of services within local communities and in partnership with the Regional Eating Disorders Outreach services across the North West Region of Ontario. The work of this group will be consistent with the mission, vision, values and strategic directions of St. Joseph's Care Group.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To provide information, support and direction to regional professionals and community services working in collaboration with the Regional Eating Disorders Outreach Program.
2. To assist with the development and maintenance of a regional framework for delivery of eating disorders services in collaboration with other mental health and/or related health care providers throughout the Northwest Region.
3. To facilitate and support the establishment of annual goals and work plans of the Working Group.
4. To assist in providing education and training within communities throughout North Western Ontario.
5. To inform strategies to streamline access to regional and community based programs through service integration and coordination of care.
6. To promote evidence-based practice for the treatment and prevention of eating disorders and support evidence based research.
7. To share and participate in activities that support the identification of clinical issues and gaps in service delivery and develop effective and practical solutions within available resources through integration and collaboration.
8. To facilitate ongoing development of interprofessional collaboration within regional communities and between regional communities and the Regional Eating Disorders Outreach Program of St. Joseph's Care Group.
9. To build partnerships, linkages and relationships with the community, region and province in a coordinated way.
10. To provide input into the Mental Health and Addictions Community Advisory Committee and review recommendations made by Mental Health and Addictions Community Advisory Committee.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Regional Eating Disorders Working Group is co-chaired by the Regional Resource Clinician and, on a rotating basis, a member of the working group. The working group is accountable to the Regional Eating Disorders Outreach Program staff and management and to the communities they serve.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership will be comprised of interdisciplinary professionals working in health care and allied service sectors throughout the Northwest Region who are committed to enhancing care for individuals and family members living with disordered eating **and/or creating healthy environments that prevent eating disorders.**

DECISION MAKING

Decisions will be reached through consensus whenever possible. A simple majority favourable vote of those members in attendance will be used to resolve any issue requiring a vote. Dissentions will be noted within minutes.

MEETING FREQUENCY

The Regional Eating Disorders Working Group will meet four times per year. A minimum of one meeting will be held face to face while remaining meetings will be facilitated through videoconferencing.