

Practice Ethics Committee

Purpose of Committee

The purpose of the Practice Ethics Committee is to provide timely consultation to members of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers on ethical issues.

Process

Request for consultation should be made to the SASW Provincial Office by letter, e-mail, phone, or fax. It should be concise and contain a clear expression of the ethical issue being posed to the committee. Sufficient detail should be provided to ensure the committee can make an informed response.

The member can ask that his or her identity be kept confidential by the chair, SASW office or the executive director, but the committee requires that someone be able to contact the caller for clarification if required and to provide a written response to the enquiry.

Members can also ask that specific committee member(s) receive no details of the enquiry and not be involved in the consultation. Anyone desiring one of these options should state it in their initial contact with the office.

The chair will receive the request from the SASW office. Any committee member may be assigned the task of researching the concern, organizing a discussion with the rest of the committee, usually by e-mail, and framing the response. The response is usually made in writing, sometimes by phone or both within a few days of receiving the question. The committee reviews responses at their monthly meeting to ensure consistency and improve the quality of future responses to similar inquiries.

Responses will be governed by the CASW Code of Ethics, and SASW Standards of Ethical Practice for Professional Social Workers in Saskatchewan. The committee aims at providing members with a studied, yet timely response, containing alternate ways of viewing and acting on ethical issues. The committee does not offer "the answers."

Copies of the responses are retained by the committee and submitted to the SASW office annually. The committee and the Provincial Office protect the confidentiality of all correspondence and documentation regarding the inquiry. The committee is responsible to the SASW Council and reports through regular council meetings. An annual report containing non-identifying information is presented at the SASW Annual General Meeting.

All requests for consultation shall be made through the:

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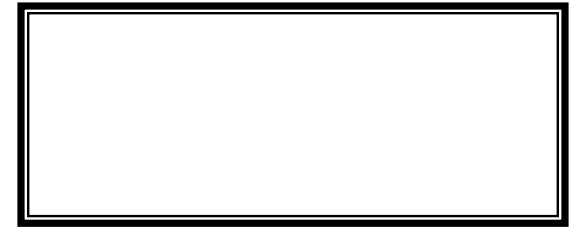
"The profession of social work is founded on humanitarian and egalitarian ideals.

Social workers believe in the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being and are committed to the values of acceptance, self-determination and respect of individuality.

They believe in the obligation of all people, individually and collectively, to provide resources, services and opportunities for the overall benefit of humanity.

The culture of individuals, families, groups, communities and nations has to be respected without prejudice".

(taken from Preamble - CASW, Code of Ethics, 1994



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