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SUBJECT: Medical Assistance in Dying	SUPERCEDES:	EFFECTIVE: February 2018

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide residents, their families or responsible parties, employees and medical staff the position of Park Manor Care with respect to Medical Assistance in Dying.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Seventh-day Adventist Health Care Providers in Canada offer integrative care for the multifaceted needs of individuals at every stage of life, including at end of life.
- 2.2 Seventh-day Adventists recognize all human life deserves respect and protection and Adventist health care providers recognize their duty to care for their patients and residents.
- 2.3 Adventist health care providers treat patients, residents and their families respectfully, with careful attention to expressions of personal preferences and recognition of their right to self-determination.
- 2.4 The Seventh-day Adventist Church has previously adopted an official statement on “Care for the Dying”, as voted in spring of 2013, and which forms part of this Policy.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 MAiD: Medical Assistance in Dying, according to Canadian Federal Legislation.
- 3.2 Resident: an individual who has been admitted into long term care at our facility.
- 3.3 Employees: all administration, nursing and support staff employed by the care home.
- 3.4 Medical Staff: Physicians, accredited by the Health Region and duly appointed by the Board of Directors with privileges to provide medical care and on-call services at the care home.
- 3.5 Health Care Providers: health care professionals and health care organizations providing insured services in Canada.
- 3.6 Abstaining Facility: faith-based facility that is not owned or operated by the WRHA and which adopts an official policy that it will not allow MAiD to be provided within its facility, as per WRHA Policy 110.000.400.
- 3.7 MAiD Team: the Manitoba Provincial MAiD Clinical Team are health care professionals as approved to provide MAiD by the WRHA Chief Medical Officer.

4. POLICY

- 4.1 Park Manor Care, is an Abstaining Facility, and as such will refrain from participating in MAiD as provided for in Manitoba and Canada, and from knowingly providing assistance in causing death or admitting an individual for the purpose of receiving MAiD. Park Manor Care will not reject the admission of an individual who has expressed an interest in MAiD.
- 4.2 Park Manor Care will provide palliative care for residents who are at the end of life, and will take no action for the purpose of causing death.

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- 4.3 Park Manor Care will address the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of all our Residents, including those individuals who may be facing the possibility of death.
- 4.4 Park Manor Care will care for individuals who are dying with compassion in ways that respect human life, preserve trust in the patient-physician relationship, honour patient choices, and provide the fullest possible relief from pain and suffering.
- 4.5 Park Manor Care will instruct all Employees and Medical Staff to refrain from providing, or assisting in the provision of, MAiD, at Park Manor Care.
- 4.6 Park Manor Care will hold in confidence all information pertaining to a Resident's request for MAiD.
- 4.7 Park Manor Care will comply with WRHA transfer protocols for the purpose of MAiD.
- 4.8 Park Manor Care will cooperate with the WRHA in the event of any complaints made against our organization, our staff or the MAiD Team with respect to any aspect of care or assessment for a Resident who has requested or has been accepted for MAiD.

5. PROCEDURE

- 5.1 This policy will be made available to the public, our Employees, Medical Staff, residents of Park Manor Care and their families, making it clear that we are an Abstaining Facility as per the WRHA Policy on MAiD. The policy will be published on our website www.parkmanor.ca.
- 5.2 Employees and Medical Staff will be instructed to not raise the subject of MAiD with a Resident, or their family.
- 5.3 Park Manor Care will ensure that Employees and Medical Staff understand that they are not required to provide, or assist in providing, MAiD.
- 5.4 In the event an inquiry about MAiD is made by a Resident, every reasonable measure that might help to understand and alleviate the underlying causes of the inquiry will be confidentially explored under the oversight of the Director of Resident Services or Social Services, subject to the consent of the Resident making the request, and in consultation with their physician and family members.
- 5.5 If a voluntary request for MAiD is affirmed by the Resident, this request will be referred to the Director of Social Services or Resident Services, who will provide information about this policy, and within 24 hours of the request provide them contact information for the MAiD Team or Health Links – Info Sante;
- 5.6 Park Manor Care will endeavor to keep inquiries about MAiD as confidential to protect the privacy of the Resident. An inquiry or acceptance of a Resident for MAiD services will in no way change our provision of respectful quality care to that Resident.
- 5.7 The Director of Resident Services will upon request provide the Resident's care plan to the MAiD Team, including progress notes and other such pertinent documentation, providing evidence of consent by the Resident for that information is presented by the MAiD Team.

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- 5.8 Park Manor Care will allow access to the Resident by the MAiD Team for the purpose of determining eligibility of the Resident for MAiD or for completing the assessment process, with the expectation that these steps will be conducted in such a manner as to protect the privacy of the Resident.
- 5.9 Park Manor Care will acknowledge the choice of location made by a Resident who has chosen to receive MAiD, and will advise that MAiD services are not authorized to be performed at our facility. Should a Resident be transferred to another facility for MAiD, but the services are not provided, the Resident will be able to return to Park Manor Care.
- 5.10 Park Manor Care will advise the Resident requesting MAiD that should they be accepted for the provision of MAiD, their transfer to another location for the service will be subject to their being assessed as able to safely transfer to that location.
- 5.11 Park Manor Care will discharge a Resident who has been accepted for MAiD services, prior to the date or time of those services being provided, with transportation to the chosen location being arranged and paid for by the Health Region.

6. MAiD CONTACT INFORMATION

- 6.1 Website: www.wrha.mb.ca/maid
- 6.2 Email: maid@wrha.mb.ca
- 6.3 Telephone: 204-926-1380
- 6.4 Toll Free Telephone: 1-844-891-1825
- 6.5 Health Links – Info Sante
- 6.5.1. Telephone: 204-788-8200
- 6.5.2. Toll-Free Telephone: 1-888-315-9527

7. REFERENCES

- 7.1 Seventh-day Adventist Church official statement on “Care for the Dying”, as voted in spring of 2013
- 7.2 WRHA Policy 110.000.400 Medical Assistance in Dying