



Giving Hope Today

MAiD AT DINSDALE PCH

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TO ALL RESIDENTS/FAMILIES/STAFF & PUBLIC

Dinsdale Personal Care Home is a faith-based facility that is owned and operated by The Salvation Army, a recognized Church operating around the world in many social services sectors.

Although operating, by contract, as an “affiliate” personal care home to Prairie Mountain Health the facility adheres to the premises of The Salvation Army, including the Church’s stance related to medically assisted death.

To the left, is the facility policy related to MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying).

Although we, as a service offering of The Salvation Army, cannot condone nor allow medically assisted death to be conducted within the facility, we do have compassion regarding the wishes of residents related to this undertaking and will ensure referral is made to other services where there is a request regarding MAiD affecting a resident of Dinsdale Personal Care Home.

Our established policy and education to staff ensures any request for physician assisted death will be respectfully managed in a timely manner.

For all current residents and their families, this poster serves as awareness regarding the facility’s stance related to MAiD.

For any applying for admission, this will be ensured in future through an inclusion in the facility brochure and our Resident/Family handbook.

If you or your family have any questions or concerns related to MAiD, please feel very free to contact me at any time using the above contact information.

Respectfully,

Steve Todd

***Executive Director
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Dinsdale Personal Care Home***

GOAL

- To provide a consistent and compassionate approach, reflective of The Salvation Army’s mission, when communicating related to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and/or to responding to requests regarding MAiD.

DEFINITIONS

- MAiD** – Refers to **Medical Assistance in Dying** as defined by Manitoba Health. Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is used to describe the assistance provided to a person with the aim of intentionally ending their life, as well as where a legally recognized health professional directly administers a lethal dose of medication (or equivalent) in accordance with the wishes of the patient. This language is consistent with federal legislation, Bill C-14.

POLICY

- Dinsdale Personal Care Home will adopt and endorse the policy related to medical assistance in dying (MAiD) as developed by The Salvation Army. **(POLICY (TSA) – Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) (2017-JUL-17).**
- Staff of Dinsdale Personal Care Home will sensitively and respectfully address a person’s request for information about MAiD.
- Individuals meeting the criteria, wishing to proceed with MAiD will be referred through their physician, the provincial MAiD Team, or Prairie Mountain Health to a health facility or private location that will accommodate their request. It will be ensured that transfer protocols will minimize harm and recognize the dignity and vulnerability of the individual.
- Individuals may not be able to access MAiD if:
 - The resident is too ill or frail to be transferred to a non-abstaining facility; or,
 - The resident declines to be transferred to a non-abstaining facility.
- As a faith-based organization, The Salvation Army Dinsdale Personal Care Home will not perform MAiD or allow MAiD to be performed within the facility. This policy applies to all staff, officers, physicians, volunteers, students and any other persons acting on behalf of The Salvation Army. As per Manitoba Health guidelines “Health Authorities do not require an Abstaining Facility Operator to permit MAiD to be provided in its facility if such action is contrary to the fundamental religious principles of the religion or faith to which the Abstaining Facility Operator adheres. “
- The Salvation Army acknowledges and supports the right of Officers and staff to conscientiously object to the provision of MAiD. Objections based on conscience must be in accordance with any requirements outlined in law and/or professional regulatory standards, and may not result in the abandonment of residents and their care needs.
- This policy and it’s provisions will be included as a portion of the Welcome Package provided to all potential and new residents. The policy will also be available to any individual requesting a copy.
- The facility stance to MAiD will be communicated to all staff via 24/7 access to the policy and related documentation, initial circulation of the policy to all staff in all departments (with signatures verifying awareness) and inclusion of the policy and it’s contents with orientation of new staff.

RELATED ACTS AND POLICIES

- PALL1000 – Palliative Care / End-of-Life Program
- PALL1050 – Facility of Preference (Palliative Care)
- POLICY (TSA) – Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) (2017-JUL-17).

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