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CCHSA Surveyor's Environmental Evaluation Tool

Turning Energy Dollars into Health Care Dollars ... for a healthier planet

Canada's health care organizations are powerful symbols of health and are viewed as a source of environmental health leadership by the communities they serve. As health care leaders you are key in making sure these organizations live up to their primary mission of 'doing no harm' while delivering the best possible health care services. This includes reducing environmental harm caused by air and wastewater emissions, hazardous and solid waste generation, toxic chemical usage, greenhouse (GHG) gas emissions and poor indoor air quality.

The following checklist was developed as a tool for CCHSA Surveyors to use when determining the extent to which an organization demonstrates commitment to continuously improving its environment respect as contained within Criteria 6.0 [Respecting the Environment]. It also introduces a number of broader outcomes to consider and will assist Surveyors in discovering additional evidence in support of an organization's commitment to sound environmental stewardship.

Management's Commitment to Energy Management

- Is there an Energy Policy and Action Plan that is regularly reviewed and is top management committed to an overall energy or environmental strategy?

Staff Integration into Energy Management

- Is Energy management fully integrated into the management structure with clear delegation of responsibility for energy consumption?

Financial Investment in Energy Management

- Has management actively pursued 'green' funding from Health Ministry or other funders using detailed investment appraisal of all new build and retrofit opportunities?

Energy Management Planning

- Does a comprehensive Energy Management Plan exist and is it being implemented by all departments with full support of senior management and President/CEO?

Energy Monitoring and Targeting (M&T)

- Is there a comprehensive system that sets targets, identifies faults, monitors use, quantifies savings and provides budgeting info?

Communicating the Energy Management Message

- Is energy efficiency and energy management performance reported and marketed within the organization and to outside stakeholders on a continuous basis?

Energy Innovators Initiative

- Is the organization a member of *Energy Innovators Initiative*?
- Has or is the organization in the process of applying for *Energy Retrofit Assistance* funding from *Natural Resources Canada*?
- Has the organization sent staff to *Dollars to \$ense Energy Management Workshops*?

Energy Retrofit Projects and Activities

- Does the organization routinely track and record energy savings that result from energy retrofit projects?
- Has the organization completed an energy retrofit project in the past 12 months?
- Is the organization currently involved in any energy retrofit project?
- Does the organization have any energy retrofit project(s) planned for the next 12-18 months?

Energy Efficiency Awareness Education and Training

- Do members from all departments including medical staff, volunteers, vendors and suppliers participate in environmental education and training?
- Is there active participation by executive management?
- Is there evidence of 'green' bulletin boards, posters, in-house displays, contests, etc.?
- Is there a budget for training and awareness activities?
- Is an energy 'mascot' or 'icon' being used as part of awareness education and training?
- Does the organization celebrate special environmental or energy events such as National Health Care Energy Efficiency Week (February 1-7), Earth Day, etc.?
- Does the organization conduct education outreach into the community through schools, service clubs, etc.?
- Does the organization provide public acknowledgment of staff contribution to energy efficiency/management?
- Are energy awareness training materials provided in language appropriate to staff's linguistic background?

Other Outcomes in Support of Environmental Respect

- Is organization a member of the *Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care*?
- Is there an active pesticide abatement programme?
- Operational waste separation & recycling programme including staff education
- Does organization supports waste haulers/recyclers with *green philosophy*?
- Is there a dedicated 'Environmental Coordinator' on staff?
- Is there an active green procurement protocol to screen all products for environmental benefits and alternatives?
- Is there an active Energy Management System (EMS)?
- Do 'green power' energy contracts exist with local utility?
- Is there an active policy to purchase only fair trade coffee, chocolate products, etc. in cafeterias/vending machines?

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