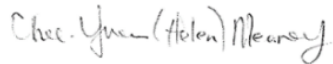




<b>Policy Title:</b> <b>GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</b>		<b>Policy Section:</b> IV Governance Process	<b>Policy Number:</b> IV-166
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## BACKGROUND

The Board recognizes that a significant part of the Board's role is to link with the ownership/careholdership of the CMLTO. The purpose of the linkage process is to:

- Inform the ownership/careholdership regarding the CMLTO's mandate and Ends (Critical Outcomes) Policies, and
- Seek feedback on ownership/careholdership perspectives in order to better inform Board decision-making regarding primarily the Ends (Critical Outcomes) Policy development, and to be accountable to the ownership/ careholdership for the results achieved. This ownership/careholdership includes the broader public, the registrants as members of the public, and the government (as part of the public).

For further details, see the Board's Governance Process Policy GP #IV-45 on Board Linkage with the Ownership/Careholdership.

## PURPOSE

The "Government Relations Policy", GP #IV-166, is to outline the Board's principles related to its linkage with specifically the government, as part of the public. The Board recognizes that the government is also a governing body designed to represent and work in the public interest.

## POLICY

As part of the Board's overall approach to ownership linkage, the Board is committed to establishing appropriate linkage with the government. The Board recognizes its duty to link with the government regarding governance issues given that the government also represents the people of Ontario who are served by CMLTO. The government also provides a small portion of funding for the regulatory process via some funding for the public members on the Board.



The Board believes its role with regard to government relations includes the following:

1. Developing ongoing awareness of key government policy and direction related to health regulation, including MLT regulation and other regulations relevant to the CMLTO.
2. Ensuring that all accountability reports required by the government are submitted accurately and on time while demonstrating excellent results.
3. Influencing government policy and legislation as required to achieve the Board's Ends (Critical Outcomes) Policies and the legislative mandate(s) and requirements of the College.

The Board will focus its attention on building relationships at the political level with the elected government officials as needed. The Board has delegated to the Registrar & CEO the accountability for the working relationship between the government administration at the bureaucrat level and the CMLTO.

Each year at its annual planning process, the Board will dedicate some time to discussing any key government relations issues which the Board believes should be addressed over the next year. This planning will be done in consultation with the Registrar & CEO who is managing the administrative government relationships.

In general, it is anticipated that the Board will focus on interacting with the government using the framework of governance topics outlined below:

#### For Whom?

- Focus on the Ontario Public

#### What Good is the CMLTO Doing?

- CMLTO's Mandate and the Board's Commitment to Intentionally and Transparently Evaluate the Impact of Its Decisions on the Protection of the Public
- Input to Government Policy Direction
- Insight for CMLTO's Ends (Critical Outcomes) Policy Direction
- Leadership and Innovation in the Health Profession Regulation Field including any regulation which could impact on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice within the Health Regulatory System in Ontario
- Accountability of CMLTO and the Government

#### At What Worth or Priority?

- Efficiency with which CMLTO Achieves Results



Once the key issue(s) is/are identified, the Board will develop key positions on these themes and build a strategy for how the Board will advance the appropriate relevant agenda with appropriate politicians. Various Board Members may be engaged in the Board linkage with the government on behalf of the Board, based on their relevant expertise and positioning to advance the Board's agreed upon key messages. All such communication and linkage will be conducted under the umbrella of the Board's authority, by official Board motion, with the full knowledge of all Board Members and keeping with the Board's expressed values.

The Board recognizes that although its primary government relations focus is expected to be at the provincial government, there are issues which may require linkage with the federal government, as well as other stakeholders. The Board will address all of these in its annual planning for government relations linkage.