#### Vision:

Leaders in Innovative Rural Health Care

### Mission:

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services including: primary care, hospital and long-term care, and community programs.

### Values:

Compassion, Accountability, Integrity, Respect

### Goal:

The goal of the HHHS Patient, Resident, and Client Relations Process is to quickly resolve client concerns and complaints at the departmental level. All HHHS employees have a responsibility to provide all clients with excellent care and support and to resolve client concerns that are brought forward to them.

#### **Stages of Process:**

The HHHS Patient, Resident, and Client Relations Process has three stages and all concerns and complaints received (phone, email, fax or in person) will initially be dealt with at Stage 1 of the 3 Stage Process.

### **Informing Clients of Process:**

The HHHS Patient, Resident, and Client Relations Process will be posted in all departments and on the HHHS web-site and displayed on posters and in brochures in all waiting areas.

### **Educating Staff and Volunteers of Process:**

All HHHS staff and volunteers will be made aware of this process upon orientation and through annual employee refresher training.

### **PROCESS:**

### Stage 1 (Immediately)

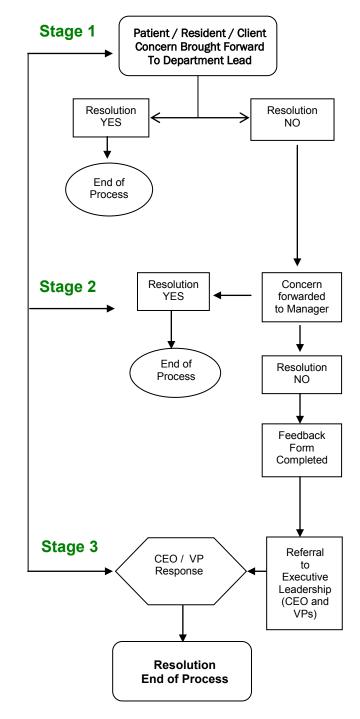
- 1.Clients are encouraged to bring forward concerns or complaints to HHHS by speaking with departmental staff or by requesting to speak with the staff lead.
- 2.HHHS staff will listen, document, and attempt to resolve the concern.
- 3.The HHHS Client Feedback Form will be used to document concerns and complaints.
- 4.Feedback Forms, resolved and unresolved, are forwarded to the appropriate manager.
- 5.Clients are encouraged to bring reports of perceived abuse or staff misconduct directly to the attention of the CEO by contacting the Administration Office.

## Stage 2 (Within 24 hours or Next Business Day of Referral from Department)

- 1. The departmental manager will call or meet with client to review and document their concerns.
- 2.The manager will investigate the concern/complaint by speaking with all relevant stakeholders.
- 3. The manager will report back to the client on their findings and on a recommended solution to the concern/complaint.
- 4. If unable to resolve the concern/complaint to the satisfaction of the client the manager will forward the concern to Executive Leadership (CEO/VPs) for follow-up.

### Stage 3 (Within 24 hours or Next Business Day of Referral from Department Manager)

- 1.CEO or Executive Leadership (VPs) or delegated Manager will contact the client to review the concern/ complaint.
- 2.Executive Leadership will collaborate with the patient/ resident/client on obtaining a satisfactory resolution to the concern/complaint.
- 3.The response to the concern/complaint will be documented.







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### **OUR MISSION**

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services, including: Primary Care, Hospital (Acute Inpatient and Emergency Care), Long-Term Care, End-of-Life Care, Mental Health and Addictions Services, Community Support Services. FEEDBACK FORMS (for concerns/complaints) ARE AVAILABLE IN EACH DEPARTMENT.

Please feel free to ask for one.



You can expect:

Compassion Accountability Integrity Respect

in your care.



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# PATIENT, RESIDENT, AND CLIENT RELATIONS PROCESS

HHHS is committed to responding to client concerns in a positive and supportive manner consistent with its Mission, Vision and Values.

