

# TAHSN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (TREC) TASK FORCE ON INSURANCE

## Terms of Reference

### PURPOSE

A number of important issues have been identified that require clarification regarding insurance coverage relating to clinical research activities, including real and/or perceived “gaps” in CMPA and HIROC coverage of physician PI research activities.

Unless the insurance “gaps” are addressed, and/or reasonable alternatives identified, research projects (especially investigator-initiated) will be in jeopardy of not proceeding.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

To survey the current insurance (and CMPA) coverage applicable to hospitals and physician PIs for clinical research, identify the issues and “gaps”, discuss associated risks, propose risk-mitigation strategies, and recommended course(s) of action towards remedying those “gaps”.

In performing its review and report, the Task Force may consult with relevant individuals in the TAHSN-member hospitals and/or with other TAHSN groups, as appropriate.

### MEMBERSHIP

#### CO-CHAIRS

Aaron Leahy, SickKids (Co-Chair, CRAWG)

#### MEMBERS

Michelle Moldofsky, SMH

Marisa Selig, CAMH

Inshan Hosein, UHN

### REVIEW AND REPORTING STRUCTURE

The Task Force on Insurance reports to TREC through its Co-Chairs, including providing updates on activities at regular TREC meetings.

The Task Force will develop recommendations and complete a preliminary report for review and comment by CRAWG in summer, 2010; a second draft for review and comment by TREC and the TAHSN General Counsels in Fall 2010; and a final report ready for review and approval by TREC and the TAHSN Research Committee by the end of 2010.

### FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

As needed as determined by the Co-Chairs to delegate tasks amongst members, and to prepare a report of its findings and recommendations

Approved by TREC March 30, 2010; approved by TRC April 5, 2010