Revisions to the Accreditation Standards

This document outlines recent revisions to the Accreditation Standards. Further details regarding the accreditation process can be found in the Accreditation Manual of Guidance which can be accessed through Salvationist.ca.

These changes will come into effect for all reviews as of January 1, 2024.

Accreditation Standard Revisions

Standard Edited for Clarity

- These standards have had the wording changed for clarity in interpretation but there has been no change in requirements: 1.3.2, 1.3.4, 1.5.2, 1.9.11, 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.7.3, 2.7.4, 2.9.3, 2.9.7, 5.9.4
- References to Ministry (Strategic) Plan are changed to Local Action Plan: 1.2.1, 1.3.X, 1.5.2, 1.6.2, 1.6.3, 1.6.4, 1.9.3
- Addition of THQ Social Mission Department to reporting structures, including Regional Directors: 1.2.1, 1.3.1, 1.3.4, 1.6.2, 2.6.5, 2.7.2, 2.8.2
- Standard revised to remove reference to policy and procedure manual and to instead ensure operating policy is made available to staff: 1.6.3, 1.7.2, 1.10.1, 2.2.2, 2.9.3, x.2.3
- Update of required Praesidium Academy training modules: 2.4.2, 2.5.1, 2.9.3

Chapter 1: Governance

- 1.3.1: Standard revised to move alignment with the territorial mission statement and alignment with the organizational core values from 1.2.1.
- 1.5.6: Standard revised to add performance data and quality improvement reports (when prepared)
- 1.5.7: Standard revised to add the appropriate approval authority and discuss process with MU lead
- 1.5.11: New standard added - There shall be a process in place for reviewing and evaluating external accreditation or funder review reports and responding appropriately to findings.
- 1.6.3: Standard revised to add additional orientation and training measures for community council

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- 1.9.6: Standard revised to align with the changes in TFM regarding mitigating controls
- 1.9.8: Standard revised to add the enterprise risk management – insurance office to have a copy of current inventory.

Chapter 2: Human Relations

- References to HR, DHQ or THQ for clarity: 2.4.1, 2.4.6, 2.7.2, 2.8.2, 2.9.7
- 2.2.1: Standard revised to minimize duplication with Standard 2.2.2
- 2.2.2: Standard revised to minimize duplication with Standard 2.2.1
- 2.4.2: Standard revised to include accessibility training requirements in Manitoba
- 2.4.3: Standard revised to add Program Vehicle Driver Verification Form (annually)
- 2.4.7: Standard is removed
- 2.5.1: Standard revised to include employee information form and organized for clarity
- 2.5.3: Standard revised to "dated" from "date stamped".
- 2.7.5: Standard removed
- 2.8.2: Modify essential to local policies and procedures
- 2.9.2: Standard revised to include ministry unit specific material for volunteers
- 2.9.3: Update requirement to align with the language of territorial vision, mission, core values and local commitment statement.
- 2.9.4: Standard removed and combined with 2.9.2
- 2.9.6: Standard revised to enter statistics into SAMIS

Chapter 3: Facility

- Standards revised to apply to all applicable sites and locations: 3.1.2, 3.5.11
- 3.2.5: Standard revised to include reference to operating policy and accessible formats of fire and disaster contingency plans
- 3.3.3: Standard revised to add locked designated safe area
- 3.3.8: New standard added – reviewing social justice guidelines in program space

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Program Chapters (5-16)

- 5.2.4; 7.2.4: Standard added to include a sign-in and sign-out log
- X.4.1: Standard revised to minimize repetition with Standard X.4.2
- X.4.2: Standard revised to minimize repetition with Standard X.4.1

Conditional Pass Changes

Ministry units who did not achieve accreditation status have the opportunity to receive a Conditional Pass. If the Ministry unit has one or two chapters below 80%, they are eligible to participate in the Conditional Pass process. Please see our Honouring and Encouraging Success document to learn more about the Conditional Pass process.