



PATH International Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning Certification Subcommittee Charter

Subcommittee Purpose

The Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning Subcommittee upholds and promotes PATH International's accepted industry standards in all aspects of equine-assisted mental health therapies in accordance with the evolution of the EAS industry. The subcommittee's primary functions are to:

- Review and update all materials related to the ESMHL workshop and certification processes as needed
- Assess instructor criteria for relevancy and update criteria as necessary for all levels of the ESMHL certification
- Review and propose certification policies and procedures to ensure objectivity, exactness and appropriateness as required
- Consider and approve or deny instructor candidate appeals on a case-by-case basis to uphold fairness of certification evaluations
- Develop training and education for workshop faculty and certification evaluators annually

Subcommittee Regulations

At the beginning of each calendar year, the subcommittee chair and staff liaison discuss the annual objectives for the subcommittee and agree on those assignments and projects that best meet the association's needs, given its strategic priorities.

Decisions should be made in a democratic manner on the basis of full information and free discussion. The subcommittee chair takes part in the discussion but his/her primary job is facilitating open discussion leading to a conclusion or decision.

Subcommittee Makeup

Members must meet the minimum requirements of:

- Be a certified PATH Intl. ESMHL in good standing
- Maintain PATH Intl. membership and meet ESMHL certification requirements
- Have access to secure e-mail
- Attend scheduled conference calls and communicate with the subcommittee chair and members in a timely manner
- Attend the PATH Intl. national conference and participate in the committee forums



- Accept the responsibility of tasks and provide feedback to the subcommittee in a timely fashion in between calls
- Mental health background or experience collaborating with mental health professionals

The subcommittee chair is appointed by the PATH Intl. staff liaison. The chair of the subcommittee is responsible for identifying and recruiting members, with the input of the staff liaison during his/her tenure as chair.

Term Limits

- The subcommittee chair serves a one-year term and may be invited by the PATH Intl. staff liaison to serve an additional one-year term. Chairs may serve four one-year terms on the subcommittee as members and then serve an additional one or two years as chair.
- Subcommittee members serve one-year terms. Subcommittee members may be asked by the PATH Intl. staff liaison to serve up to four one-year terms.
- Total service on a subcommittee (combining subcommittee membership and chair responsibilities) shall not exceed six years on any one committee.

Staff Liaison

PATH Intl. Credentialing Supervisor