



## **PATH International Health & Education Committee Charter**

### **Committee Purpose**

The Health and Education Committee serves to advise PATH International (PATH Intl.) on relevant internal education, new and upcoming research, review of third-party education partner content, abstract selection for the regional and international conferences, is consulted about health and safety questions that relate to equine-assisted services topics and assist in the review and update of relevant sections in the *PATH Intl. Standards for Certification and Accreditation*.

### **Committee Regulations**

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Committee Chair and staff liaison discuss the annual objectives for the Committee and agree on those assignments and projects that best meet the needs of PATH Intl., given its strategic priorities.

Recommendations for decisions should be made in a democratic manner on the basis of full information and free discussion. The PATH Intl. staff liaison holds veto power over Committee consensus when regarding certain circumstances; this can be applied when it comes to financial matters and matters that do not align with the current PATH Intl. Strategic Plan. The Committee Chair takes part in the discussion, but their primary job is facilitating open discussion leading to a conclusion or decision. The Chair will collaborate with the PATH Intl. liaison regarding all agendas and assist in maintaining project timelines for Committee members.

### **Committee Makeup**

The Health & Education Committee looks for a representative mixture of the following to serve as members:

- OT/PT/SLP
- Mental Health Provider
- Health Educator
- Educator
- Higher Education Faculty Member
- Researcher
- Nurse
- Physician

### **Member Requirements**

- Be a current individual member of PATH Intl.
- Have access to email on a daily basis.
- Be able to attend meetings/conference calls on a regular basis.
- Demonstrate the ability to work effectively as a team member.
- Show professional integrity.
- Show active involvement in their field.
- Be willing to be contacted by PATH Intl. employees about relevant issues.
- Be able to complete tasks assigned in a timely manner.

### **Term Limits**

- The 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 Committee as members and then serve an additional one or two years as Chair.
- Committee members serve one-year terms. These members may be asked by the PATH Intl. staff liaison to serve up to four one-year terms.
- Total service on a Committee (combining Committee membership and Chair responsibilities) shall not exceed six years on any one Committee.

### **Staff Liaison**

PATH Intl. Education Supervisor