

**BC Nephrology Social Work Professional Practice Council  
2010 Terms of Reference – April 2010**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act as a forum for professional collaboration between BC renal social workers, BCPRA, and other renal care partners.</li> <li>• Champion the delivery of excellent nephrology social work practice.</li> <li>• Advocate for services for individuals living with kidney disease, their families and support providers.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and maintain guidelines for nephrology social work clinical practice.</li> <li>• Foster communication and resource sharing about emerging practice, clinical tools, services, program development, policies, and research, including BCPRA committee work.</li> <li>• Participate in renal program development, multidisciplinary team work, education, teaching, policy enhancement, and research projects.</li> <li>• Mentorship of new renal social workers and students to support their clinical practice, professional development, and to provide peer consultation.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to the planning process and content of the annual BC Nephrology Days social work breakout session.</li> <li>• Develop, implement and revise guidelines for care pertaining to social work practice as needed</li> <li>• Develop, review and revise patient educational material as needs are identified.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Composition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All BC Renal Social Workers</li> <li>• BCPRA Lead – External Renal Networks</li> <li>• Kidney Foundation representative</li> <li>• CANSW representative</li> </ul>

<p><b>5. Reporting Relationships</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All members report to their own Health Authority, Renal Managers and/or Social Work Clinical Practice Leaders. The group maintains a relationship with the BCPRA Lead – External Renal Networks, which includes consultation about professional needs and concerns.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Meetings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings are aimed to be held monthly via teleconference supported by BCPRA.</li> <li>• There will be a minimum one face-to-face meeting, which will coincide with BC Nephrology Days.</li> <li>• Special meetings related to BCPRA committees &amp; business may take place as needed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Staff Support</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCPRA Lead – External Renal Networks, serves as the primary contact for the group and liaises with BCPRA administrative support staff as well as the BCPRA Executive Administrative group as needed.</li> </ul>