

Terms of Reference
Healing Touch Program
Research Advisory Council
December 2013

1. Name : The name of the Council is the *Healing Touch Program Research and Science Advisory Council*
2. Summary: The Council shall act as the official HTP resource for those interested in the understanding the science of Healing Touch and or the findings or conduct of research in energy based modalities with particular emphasis on those modalities taught and practiced in the Healing Touch Program.
3. Mandate
The key functions of the Council are:
 - 3.1 To act as a resource to those needing information about energy based research with particular emphasis on research involving Healing Touch modalities. This will be done through publication, website development, and personal consultation.
 - 3.2 To act as a resource to those needing information or clarification about the science behind Healing Touch or its outcomes.
 - 3.2 To act as a link to researchers in program modalities that are taught in HTP as well as other groups interested in energy based healing i.e. ISSSEEM, Barbara Brennan, Rosalyn Bruyere,
 - 3.3 To provide leadership/guidance in the development of strategic programs of research in modalities of Healing Touch
 - 3.4 To promote literacy in research through education.
 - 3.5 To mentor beginning researchers in Healing Touch modalities.
4. Committee Structure

4.1. Membership/Terms of Membership: Membership is based on demonstrated

knowledge/expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Healing Touch Research (graduate level study)
- energy based Research (graduate level study)
- Research Design (methodology)
- epidemiology (statistics)
- writing for publication
- funding of research
- desire for mentorship in research (associate membership by invitation)
- review of research protocols
- The Sciences (Degree in science, educator of science)

4.2. Conditions of Membership:

- willingness to participate/be available for 1 year (with option to renew membership)
- access to internet or conference call abilities
- available for phone or online consultation based on area of expertise
- appropriate professional conduct
- demonstrated following of the standards of practice and ethics of HTP

4.3. Role of Chair/Co-Chairs:

- accessible to those requesting information as first contact
- determination of best member to deal with question
- arrangement of /and chair of meetings/agendas
- leadership in review of HTP research website as determined necessary but at least annually
- report to CEO and Director of Healing Touch Program annually and as needed

4.4. Meetings: Quarterly and as needed through on-line or face to face contact (Healing Touch Program Conference).

4.5. Decision Making: any decisions that need to be voted on will be done through majority vote of quorum

4.6. Communications: Communication will take place via internet or appropriate electronic means (teleconferencing). Meeting will take place during Healing Touch Program annual conference.

5. Approvals and Amendments-Process-Form

5.1. The terms of Reference shall be approved by the Board of HTP

5.2. The Terms of Reference shall state: the date of approval

5.3. The approved Terms of Reference shall be distributed to all HTP Board members,
Directors/Coordinators and Council members