

Termination of a Plan of Care Committee

The Child Protection Worker must terminate the Plan of Care Committee when:

- the protection concerns are alleviated;
- a parent(s) and/or guardian(s) or the Child Protection Worker becomes unable or unwilling to sit as a member and cannot be replaced;
- the Plan of Care Committee does not sign a Plan of Care Agreement within 23 days of the date the Child Protection Worker received the report;
- the Plan of Care Agreement expires;
- the Plan of Care Agreement is terminated by the Child Protection Worker or parent(s) and/or guardian(s);
- a parent(s) and/or guardian(s) or the child who is 12 years or older, elect to go to court after the Plan of Care Committee has been established;
- the child who is believed to be in need of protection, turns 12 years old, is informed of his or her options and elects to go to court; or
- the child who is the subject of an Agreement is apprehended, after the time the Plan of Care Agreement was signed.

REFERENCE

NWT Child and Family Services Act section 15(7), 16(4)

PURPOSE

- To provide clarity when the Plan of Care Committee must be terminated.

PROCEDURE

1. Consult with the Supervisor about the availability of a replacement Child Protection Worker when required.
2. Give notice to the Chairperson of the Plan of Care Committee when the Child Protection Worker is unwilling or unable to continue to participate as a member of the Plan of Care Committee.
3. Notify each member of the Plan of Care Committee when the Plan of Care Agreement expires or the Committee terminates. Document this in a *Case Note form* and place it on the child's file.

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4. Consult with the Supervisor to decide if a terminated Plan of Care Committee and Agreement results in the need to take the child protection matter to court.
5. Provide ten (10) days written notice to the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) if the Child Protection Worker wants to terminate the *Plan of Care Agreement* by completing the *Written Notice of Termination of Plan of Care Agreement form*.

FORMS

- Case Note
- Written Notice of Termination of Plan of Care Agreement

TOOLS

- None

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