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## **Covenant Mission Statement**

As a Catholic health care system we practice responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us, and create healthy environments for our employees and the people we serve. In recognition of the critical linkages between environmental health and public health, Covenant aspires to provide health care services in a manner that protects and enhances the environment and the health of communities now and for future generations.

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## **POLICY: SUSTAINABLE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING OPERATIONS**

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### **POLICY:**

As a Catholic health care system we practice good stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. We create healthy environments for the people we serve and our employees. In recognition of the critical linkages between environmental health and public health it is Covenant's desire to limit adverse impacts upon the environment resulting from the design, construction and operation of our health care facilities. We consider the life-cycle impacts on facilities generated through sustainable design and construction standards, selection of materials and equipment and maintenance practices. We utilize the Green Guide for Health Care (GGHC) as a guide for our sustainable design, construction and building operation projects.

### **PROCEDURE:**

CHS will strive to integrate sustainable design, operation and maintenance practices in building, rebuilding and/or retrofitting facilities to meet regulatory and/or community health needs. Covenant will incorporate, where feasible, natural and renewable energy flows.

Projects with an estimated cost of \$500,000 or more must be reviewed to determine if all or any part of the project could be constructed or

purchased, in the case of equipment, using GGHC guidelines. Projects with an estimated cost less than \$500,000 may also undergo review at the discretion of the Facility.

Projects with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 or more must be reviewed by LEED certified consultants, with results of the review documented in a comprehensive report format. Projects with an estimated cost under \$1,000,000 to \$500,000 must be reviewed by either a LEED certified consultant or competent facility staff, with the results of the review documented in a comprehensive report format.

A copy of all project reviews completed at the facility level will be sent to CHS.

A committee (sub-committee) established by CHS will determine if some, all, or none of the sustainable design, construction or building operations recommendations should be incorporated into the project. A report of including approved recommendations will be produced by Covenant and forwarded to the Facility for follow up action.

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