TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

Operating Policy and Procedure

HSC OP: 10.03, **Alcohol and Illegal Drugs**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Health Sciences Center Operating Policy and Procedure (HSC OP) is to ensure understanding and standardized procedures in compliance with the provisions of the Drug-Free School and Communities Act Amendments.

REVIEW: This HSC OP will be reviewed on October 1 of each even-numbered year (ENY) by the Institutional Compliance Officer and the Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy Committee, with recommendations for revisions forwarded to the President by November 1.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

1. Authority.

a. The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) policy on drug and alcohol abuse prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs on TTUHSC property or as a part of any officially sponsored TTUHSC activities.

b. The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, 20 U.S.C., § 7101 ., as amended, require that, as a condition of receiving funds or any other form of financial assistance under any federal program, an institution of higher education must adopt and implement a program designed to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs by faculty, staff, and students. This HSC OP also applies to residents. In addition to meeting the requirements of the federal law, TTUHSC also intends that this policy be part of a positive effort in alleviating alcohol abuse and other drug-related problems among members of the campus communities in all regional sites and components. Thus, the emphasis in program implementation will be on prevention, education, counseling, intervention, and treatment.

c. This policy is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other TTUHSC policy. TTUHSC reserves the right to take disciplinary action against faculty, staff, residents, or students for violations under this or other applicable policies of TTUHSC.

2. **Implementation.** It is the policy of TTUHSC to create an environment for faculty, staff, residents and students that is free from illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. Accordingly, TTUHSC will provide programs designed to prevent the illegal possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs for all faculty, staff, residents, and students at TTUHSC.

a. The President of TTUHSC designates the Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy Committee (Committee) to be responsible for the development and continuing implementation of programs that are designed to prevent the illegal possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs, as required by 20 U.S.C., § 7101