

Committee Summary

Origin

Hennepin County Board resolution 03-10-672 adopted Oct. 28, 2003. Amended BAR 10-0569; Resolution adopted December 14, 2010.

Mission:

Advise the County Board, County Administration, and other agencies about policy, programs and services affecting persons with mental illness; to advocate for persons with serious mental illness; and to monitor, review, and evaluate mental health services with the County.

Composition

The Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) has 23 members. Effort is made to achieve diversity on the council by seeking minority representation, geographical distribution, and individuals that represent various segments of the mental health system.

- Consumers - Individuals with lived experience of mental illness. (six maximum)
- Family members (six maximum)
- Mental health service providers (six maximum)
- At Large (five maximum) mental health advocates and individuals with expertise in the needs and issues of groups that are underserved by the mental health system.

The County Commissioners may appoint one or more "alternate" appointments to ensure participation of interested citizens when the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of vacancies.

Duties/Responsibilities

- **Recommend:** Make recommendation on mental health services to the County Commissioners.
- **Plan:** Develop unmet mental health needs statement for County Board, administration and mental health grant and service planning.
- **Coordinate:** Receive input on coordination of care between the Regional Treatment Center and Hennepin County community based services annually.
- **Inform:** Identify individuals and agencies to receive information on mental health.
- **Report:** Report recommendations regarding the local mental health system to the State Advisory Council on Mental Health.



- **Participate:** Attend monthly Local Advisory Council meetings.

Term

3 years, with a limit of two terms.

Terms run from January 1 through December 31, beginning the year that the member is appointed.

Meetings

The council meets on the third Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 4:00pm. Meetings are open to the public; however, voting is restricted to membership.

Eligibility Requirements

Consumer : Individuals with lived experience of mental illness

At Large : For all categories - preference given to Hennepin County residents.

Family Members : Family members of individuals with lived mental health experience

Mental Health Provider : Providers may include mental health professionals, practitioners who work in settings such as community support programs, case management, outpatient, hospital and crisis programs and other services that make-up the local community mental health system (MN Statutes 245.466, subd. 2)

Compensation

Per county board resolution 22-0334 adopted September 13, 2022, members may be paid a per diem allowance in lieu of expenses not to exceed \$50 for each meeting of the board or committee up to two (2) meetings per calendar month, and a mileage allowance.

Reimbursement

Eligible for expense reimbursement.

Other Information

LAC applications are accepted during the County Open Appointment process. Applicants will be sent an email message acknowledging receipt of application. Applicants are encouraged to make a brief statement (no more than 3 minutes) before the County Commissioners regarding their qualifications and interest in the LAC. Applicants will receive an email with the date and time for presentations, which are held at the Hennepin County Government Center. Commissioners will make LAC appointments by the end of March. All applicants will receive notification by email informing them of the outcome of their application and any necessary follow up steps. New members will be contacted by LAC representative and invited to an orientation prior to their first LAC meeting.

For assistance with an application or to request an accommodation, contact Heather Bjork.



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