

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 (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

For all categories - preference given to Hennepin County residents.

Compensation

Eligible for stipend for attendance.

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 expected 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 a letter informing them of the outcome of their application. 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 Jan Harrington.

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