

Committee Summary

Origin

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

Mission:

The Adult Local Advisory Council (LAC) advises 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 LAC strives to maintain diverse membership comprised of 23* eligible members (preference given to Hennepin County residents) with minority representation, geographical distribution, and individuals that represent various segments of the mental health system. This includes up to six **consumers** (Individuals with lived experience of mental illness), up to six **family members**, up to six **mental health service providers** and up to five **at large** (mental health advocates and individuals with expertise in the needs and issues of groups 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

- **Participate:** Attend monthly Local Advisory Council meetings. **Your attendance and voice count.**
- **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.

Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)

- **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.

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 3:00pm. 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

Members are eligible for stipends for each meeting they attend, for up to two meetings monthly. County board resolution 22-0334.

Reimbursement

Eligible for mileage reimbursement.

Other Information

LAC applications are accepted during the County Open Appointment process. Open appointments are listed on Hennepin County's Advisory and Watershed District boards webpage.

Upon application submission, applicants will see a message acknowledging receipt. Applicants are encouraged to provide a brief statement (no more than 3 minutes) regarding their qualifications and interest in the LAC. Applicants will receive an email with the date and information necessary to pre-record comments, which will be played for the County Commissioners during a regularly scheduled committee meeting. County Commissioners will make LAC appointments at a subsequent board meeting. 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 an LAC representative regarding next steps and new member onboarding.

Those interested in receiving information about upcoming member appointments and/or those seeking assistance with an open application may contact the Department Liaison via e-mail (see contact information below).

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