
Hennepin County
Citizen Advisory Boards
Committee Summary

Advisory Board Name	Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)
Origin	Hennepin County Board resolution 03-10-672 adopted Oct. 28, 2003. Amended BAR 10-0569; Resolution adopted December 14, 2010
Duties/Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advise the County Board on adult mental health issues within Hennepin County.• Monitor, study, and comment on mental health issues at federal, state, and local levels.• Serve on standing and ad hoc committees related to mental health issues.• Coordinate activities and issues with the state's Adult Mental Health Advisory Council.• Attend monthly meetings with no more than three unexcused absences annually.
Composition	<p>Up to 23 members. Appropriate effort will be made to achieve diversity on the council by seeking out minority representation, geographical distribution, and providers that represent various parts of the mental health system. To the extent possible, the membership shall consist of equal representation from the consumer, family member, and mental health service provider categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumers (six maximum)• Family members (six maximum)• Mental health service providers (six maximum)• Mental health advocacy organizations (two maximum)• At Large (three maximum)
Term	3 years, with a limit of two terms
Meetings	The council meets on the third Thursday of each month from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hosmer Library, 347 E. 36th St., Minneapolis. Meetings are open to the public; however, voting is restricted to membership.
Eligibility Requirements	Must be a Hennepin County resident. See "Composition."
Compensation	None
Reimbursement	None
Other Information	During open appointments, all Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) applications are accepted, and individual applicants are sent an email message acknowledging receipt of application. After the Commissioner sets interview dates, applicants are informed by email of the date and time of their interview before the Commissioners. Applicants are expected to make a brief statement (no more than 3 minutes) about their qualifications at the time of the interview. After all scheduled interview dates, member appointments are made by the Commissioners and a letter informing applicants of the outcome is sent. Newly appointed members will then be contacted by another LAC member inviting them to a membership orientation meeting.

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