



Ontario Health

Mental Health and Addictions
Centre of Excellence



We want to hear from you!

JOIN OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS SCHIZOPHRENIA & PSYCHOSIS PROVINCIAL ADVISORY TABLE

What is the opportunity?

We are looking for people with lived/living experience with schizophrenia and/or psychosis (and their family members and/or identified caregivers) who have experience accessing and navigating the mental health and addictions system to join our Schizophrenia & Psychosis Provincial Advisory Table. This committee will be made up of clinical service providers, system administrators, subject matter experts, and people who have lived/living experience, including family/caregivers who have provided support.

More about the Mental Health and Addictions Schizophrenia & Psychosis Provincial Advisory Table

The Schizophrenia and Psychosis Provincial Advisory Table provides advice to the Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence (MHA CoE) to ensure standardized, high-quality services for schizophrenia and psychosis are available across the lifespan to address the needs of Ontarians.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for people (patients/clients and family members/caregivers) who have lived/living experience mental health and/or substance use health concerns and have accessed **mental health and addictions** services, including family members that support them. In particular, we are looking for people who:

- Can identify challenges and guide solutions for the broad range of topics (i.e., provincial mental health and addictions initiatives and programs) that will come before the committee to improve the experiences and outcomes for future clients
- Have previous experience working on a board and/or leadership committee/council/advisory group of a healthcare or non-profit community organization
- Have been involved in other advocacy or system-level work for mental health and addictions, because of their experience in the system
- Can share insights and reflections about their healthcare experiences, when appropriate and relevant, in ways that others can learn from
- Can work in partnership with a variety of other people bringing diverse perspectives
- Can take a constructive approach to discussing concerns and ideas to address them
- Have a passion for improving mental health and addictions care in Ontario; specifically navigation of the mental health and addictions system

To help ensure our health services meet the diverse needs and priorities of all Ontarians, we want to include people who may be underserved by our current system. We particularly welcome all interested people to participate, including those who may identify as:

- Members of First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and Urban Indigenous Communities
- Individuals from northern, rural, and remote communities
- Francophones and people who speak English as their second language*
- New or recent immigrants
- Members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities
- From racialized, ethnic and/or cultural minority groups
- Individuals from lower-income households
- A person with a disability or accessibility challenge

**Please note that English is the language of business at the MHA CoE*

**The term “patient” is inclusive of those who identify as lived/living experience, client, citizen, resident, community member and others who interact within the health care system. The term family and/or caregiver is inclusive of people who are providing support and care, whether that be biological family, self-identified family, as an informal caregiver or as a friend.*

We need your help to do this work!

Activities may include:

- Regularly attend quarterly virtual council meetings (about 1 hour; timing to be adjusted as needed)
- Actively participate in meetings by providing input from experience and sharing perspectives on work being planned and underway
- Complete additional work outside of meeting times, as needed (no more than 1-2 hours per month), such as reviewing documents and meeting materials

Attendance and active participation at all meetings are encouraged. Ontario Health may offer a small honorarium in recognition of your voluntary contributions towards this initiative as per the Ontario Health honorarium policy. Honorariums can only be provided to people who do not work for the government of Ontario or with any organization in the broader public sector. Details are available upon request.

Time Commitment

The group will meet virtually (using Microsoft Teams or telephone) for about 1 hour every three months (timing to be adjusted as needed). One or two face-to-face, half or full day meetings may be scheduled as the committee deems necessary. A Terms of Reference will be approved by the membership.

Expressions of Interest

If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Jennifer Rup by email at mhacoe-engagement@ontariohealth.ca by **Friday, November 8, 2024**. A brief and confidential meeting (videoconference) may be held between the MHA CoE and each individual who expresses interest, to determine the best fit.

Optional - If you would like to share any relevant information about your skills and strengths to aid in the selection process that will follow as a next step, please fill out the form below and send to Jennifer

Rup at mhacoe-engagement@ontariohealth.ca by **Friday, November 8, 2024**. You may also include a resume/CV in addition to the form.

If you are sending us personal information by email, please be aware that electronic communication is not always secure and can be vulnerable to interception. Please do not send any personal health information via email.

We appreciate your interest in this work. Please accept our apologies if we are not able to accept all interested people in this committee.

Notice of Collection

We protect the privacy of your personal information as required by Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and other relevant laws.

Ontario Health will collect your personal information for purposes of the Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence – People with Lived or Living Experience (PWLE) Engagement in accordance with section 38(2) of FIPPA and section 6 of the Connecting Care Act.

We will not disclose your personal information to a third party unless:

- *You consent; or*
- *We are allowed or required to by law*

By contacting Ontario Health to express your interest in participating in the Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence – People with Lived or Living Experience (PWLE) Engagement, you have consented to having Ontario Health collect and store your personal information for the purposes of committee membership selection. Ontario Health will collect your personal information including your name, demographic and contact information, and relevant experience. All information you share will be kept confidential and your privacy will be protected except as required by law. Your information will be retained until the selection of committee members has been completed. With your approval, your information may be retained for future opportunities. If you are selected to participate on the committee, your information will be retained for 1 year. Information will be securely destroyed as per OH policies.

If you have any questions about how we collect and use your information, please contact:

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Expression of Interest Form

Mental Health and Addictions Schizophrenia & Psychosis Provincial Advisory Table

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1. First Name:
2. Last Name:
3. Contact email:
4. Contact phone number:
5. Preferred method of communication:
 - a. Email
 - b. Phone
6. Please select the Ontario region that you are from:
 - a. North East
 - b. North West
 - c. East
 - d. Central
 - e. Toronto
 - f. West
7. Please describe any relevant skills, strengths, or areas of expertise that you would bring as a member of this committee (e.g., system planning, critical thinking, communication, problem-solving, previous experience on a board committee or other committee/council/advisory working group, etc.).