



Application to serve on the
PAIMI Advisory Council
of
Disability Rights Michigan

Disability Rights Michigan (DRM) is a private, non-profit agency that works to advocate and protect the legal rights of people with disabilities. One of the several federal acts which gives DRM its authority is the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act (42 U.S.C. 10801 *et seq.*), the "PAIMI Act". The PAIMI Act requires DRM to have an Advisory Council to advise DRM on issues affecting the lives of adults and children with mental illness.

The PAIMI Advisory Council (PAC) provides advice to the Board, and it is responsible for completing specific sections of the annual Program Progress Report (PPR).

PAC members are people from different backgrounds who are interested in protecting the rights of people who are eligible as defined in the PAIMI Act. Sixty percent (60%) of the PAC membership must be people who have had or currently have a mental illness or are family members of an individual with a mental illness who is a current or former recipient of mental health services.

The PAC meets approximately four times per year, and members are reimbursed for their travel, meals, childcare and other expenses related to their PAC work. The reimbursement policy follows that of the DRM Board of Directors.

As required under the agency's IRS 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization Status Form 990 filings, the names of members of the DRM PAC become public record. These documents are available to the public from DRM or from the IRS.

Your agreement to this disclosure is required in order to be considered eligible for DRM PAC membership.

[] I agree with the disclosure described above. (Please check box if you agree).

Please Print Name

Date

Signature

Date

**Disability Rights Michigan
PAIMI Advisory Council
Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Employment Status (Employed, Unemployed or Retired): _____

Name of Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Preferred mailing Address (Home or Office): _____

DEMOGRAPHICS: The following information is used strictly for statistical reporting requirements and/or to allow DRM to monitor its efforts to be inclusive of people from diverse backgrounds. DRM does not discriminate based on Race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation, or sexual preference.

Gender identity: Male _____ Female _____ Prefer not to answer _____

Age group: 18-39 _____ 40-64 _____ 65+ _____ Prefer not to answer _____

Federal law requires that the PAIMI Advisory Council (PAC) include people with a variety of experiences with mental illness. Please mark ALL that apply:

- A person who currently uses or has used mental health services
- A family member of a person who currently uses or has used mental health services
- A parent of a minor child (under 18) who uses or has used mental health services
- An attorney who is knowledgeable about mental illness issues
- A person who is knowledgeable about mental illness
- A Mental Health Service Provider
- A Mental Health Professional

The PAC must also try to be as diverse as the people in the state of Michigan. To help the Council members appoint new members that represent a diverse spectrum, please check all the following that apply to you.

Racial /Ethnic Heritage:

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Native Hawaiian /Pacific Islander
- White
- Two or more races
- I chose not to respond
- Other: _____

Ethnicity:

- Hispanic/Latino
- Non-Hispanic/Latino

The mission of the Disability Rights Michigan is empowering all to uphold the rights of people with disabilities.

Do you agree with this mission and the agency's role to represent the wishes of the person with the mental illness?

_____YES _____NO (please explain)

Why would you like to serve on the PAIMI Advisory Council?

Describe your experience in advocating for people with disabilities or others.

Are you a member of any disability or civil rights organizations?

Please list:

What do you think needs to be done to protect and advocate for the rights of adults and children with mental illness?

As a PAC member, I would regularly attend PAC meetings, offer advice on policies, work with the DRM Board and staff to jointly establish and evaluate priorities, and help strengthen the working relationship between DRM and the group(s) I represent.

Signature

Date