

Mental Health Review Board

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Mandate:

The Mental Health Review Board is a quasi-judicial body and administrative tribunal established under *The Mental Health Act*. The Board hears appeals regarding specific aspects of the admission or treatment of a patient in a psychiatric facility. Legislation also requires that there be automatic reviews of all long-term involuntary patients and patients on extended leave certificates.

Authority:

[The Mental Health Act](#)

Responsibilities:

The Board conducts hearings within 21 days from receiving an application with respect to a patient in a psychiatric facility. At the hearing, the issues that could be reviewed include whether or not:

- The patient should be involuntary;
- The patient is mentally competent to make treatment decisions;
- The facility should comply with wishes that the patient expressed in a health care directive when administering treatment;
- The patient is competent to manage property;
- There should be an extension to the patient's leave certificate;
- There should be a cancellation of the patient's leave certificate;
- Specified treatment should be given to the patient; and
- All or part of the patient's clinical record should be withheld from the patient.

Membership:

Members of the Board are appointed to a roster of psychiatrists, lawyers, or community members (persons who are not psychiatrists or lawyers).

For each hearing, the Review Board must sit in panels of three members and each panel is to be composed of:

- A lawyer who is to be chairperson of the panel;
- A psychiatrist; and
- A community member.

A member of the Review Board is not eligible to sit on a panel of the Review Board for an application relating to a person if he or she:

- Is the person's spouse;
- Is the person's common-law partner;
- Is related to the person by blood or marriage;
- Is connected to the person by common-law relationship;
- Is a psychiatrist or physician who is treating or has treated the person;
- Is an officer, employee or staff member of the facility in which the person is being treated;
- Is a lawyer who is acting for or has acted for the person or for the facility in which the person is being treated;
- Is a member of a law firm who is acting for the person or for the facility in which the person is being treated; or

- Is a lawyer who is acting for or has acted for a party opposite in interest to the person in any proceeding in which the person was a party.

Length of Terms:

Lawyers & Community Members:

Members will be appointed to hold office for a term not to exceed 3 years and continues to serve until reappointed, revoked or a successor is appointed.

Members may hold office for 10 consecutive years.

Psychiatrists:

Due to the challenges of recruiting psychiatrist members to the Board, a member shall be appointed to hold office and shall continue to hold office until the appointment is revoked.

Desirable Expertise:

- Interest in health, particularly mental health;
- Excellent listening and communication skills are required, along with the ability to participate in hearings, and arrive at and articulate a fair and unbiased decision based on the facts;
- Common sense and demonstrated empathy;
- Community members should bring a community perspective to the proceedings and must not be a lawyer or psychiatrist;
- Lawyers preside over the hearings and draft the reasons for decision. Ten years experience with involvement in either judicial or administrative tribunals preferred.

Time commitment:

An application initiates the need for a hearing. The hearing must start within 21 days of the board office receiving the application.

Panels for hearings are pre-scheduled on a four month rotation with members asked to be willing to potentially sit 24 half-day time slots per year based on their availability. Members are asked to hold specific dates offered until the week prior to the date when it is known if a hearing will be needed or not. The board office attempts to provide at least two days' notice to board members when they are not required for a scheduled hearing date.

Hearings may also be scheduled outside of the regular hearing rotation if the need arises. Panel members are selected based on their availability when an ad hoc hearing is booked.

Hearings are held by telephone conference call, video conference calls or are sometimes held in person in Winnipeg, Selkirk, Winkler and Brandon. Hearings with designated facilities in Dauphin, The Pas and Thompson usually take place by video conference.

There is one annual meeting held for all members and one additional annual meeting for the lawyers appointed to the board.

Each new board member is required to undertake one full day of training plus additional training as required from time to time.

Meetings:

Frequency: Members are asked to submit their names for at least 24 half-day time slots per year based on their availability, panels are scheduled on a four month rotation.

Location: Hearings may be held in person in Winnipeg, Selkirk, Winkler and Brandon and by video conference with Dauphin, The Pas and Thompson.

Duration: Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning or Thursday afternoon

Remuneration:

Lawyers/Chair

\$80.00 per hour, or \$280.00 per half day (up to 3.5 hours), or \$550.00 per full day.

Community Members

\$60.00 per hour, or \$210.00 per half day (up to 3.5 hours), or \$425.00 per full day.

Psychiatrists

Paid based on speciality and location of service at the sessional rates established for medical practitioners under the Sessional Rates for Services Regulation, made under The Health Services Insurance Act, as amended from time to time.

In addition to remuneration, the members of the Review Board are to be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities, as provided in the General Manual of Administration for the Province of Manitoba.