



# MENTAL WELLNESS AND ADDICTIONS RECOVERY ADVISORY GROUP

## Expression of Interest

***Have you lived or are living with a mental health or addictions concern?  
Do you want to ensure your experience benefits others?***

The Department of Health and Social Services invites **interested members of the public** to submit an application to serve as a representative on the NWT Mental Wellness Addictions Recovery (MWAR) Advisory Group. The MWAR Advisory Group is comprised of one lead member and 8 maximum regular members who are appointed by the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services. The lead member is appointed to a two-year term, and regular members are appointed for a one-year term, both with the option of renewal.

### **Background**

In June 2019, the Department of Health and Social Services publically released the *Mental Wellness and Addictions Recovery Action Plan* which outlines the implementation of a MWAR Advisory Group in the NWT. This action stems from the ongoing commitment to continually engage with individuals and families to provide meaningful and effective care for mental wellness and addictions recovery to NWT residents. While this group will not replace all other public engagement activities, it is a way for the voices of NWT residents to continually impact projects, policy, programming, and other activities taking place at the Department level.

Individuals who serve on the MWAR Advisory Group will be gifted with monetary honoraria in accordance with established GNWT rates for their time.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

- Interpersonal skills and ability to work as part of a team;
- Strong listening and communication skills;
- Knowledge of and experience with mental health and addictions challenges (personally or as a caregiver/ carer); and
- Well-developed analytical and decision making skills exercising objectivity and sound judgment.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Lived/Living experience with mental wellness and addictions recovery:
  - Individuals who have lived/living experience with a mental health concern as well as experience with mental health services; and/or
  - Individuals who have lived/living experience with substance use as well as experience with substance use services; and/or
  - Individuals who have lived/living experience supporting an individual (family/friend) experiencing challenges with mental health and/or substance use.
- Flexibility and a willingness to travel for annual meetings/training opportunities; and
- Ability to meet with MWAR Advisory Group via telephone, webinar, or other as needed.

### **ASSETS**

- Professional training or relevant experience in mental wellness and addictions recovery or related areas;
- Knowledge of communities and mental wellness and addictions recovery services and supports within the NWT;
- Prior group decision-making and board or committee experience

Applications should be marked “*Northwest Territories MWAR Advisory Group*” and should clearly state which position you are applying for – Lead Member or Regular Member.

**Please send a resume, experience and references by 3:00 pm on July 31, 2020 to:**

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*Only individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. Seats are to be filled by individuals reflecting diversity and gender balance in composition.*