

Application for Appointment to the Nebraska Office of Consumer Affairs People's Council.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA) People's Council is chartered to provide state and regional leadership while utilizing personal lived experience to advocate for systems transformation as well as identify and advocate for a Recovery Oriented System of Care. The council is chartered to serve as the: (a) planning council of the Nebraska Office of Consumer Affairs, and (b) as a subcommittee of the State Advisory Council on Substance Abuse Services (§ 71-815) and the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services (§ 71-814). Through the above mentioned functions, the Nebraska OCA People's Council will provide recommendations to guide the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health, including the OCA, and related state agency partners on ways to best support adults, children, and their families in the journey of healing, recovery, resiliency, and personal transformation. The OCA Council consists of fourteen (14) members appointed by the Director of the Division of Behavioral Health. For the purposes of this council, personal lived experience shall be defined by the individual and shall be considered as experience as a former or current recipient of behavioral health services, or a caregiver/family member of a person receiving services in which the experience has significantly impacted their lives.

Meeting Frequency: quarterly

Appointment Term: 2 years, unless otherwise designated by the Director.

Application review process: The OCA Office shall convene the executive committee to coordinate and process new applications. Application reviews happen at a minimum one time per year. Once information has been collected and reviewed the executive committee will make recommendations to the Division Director for appointments.

Membership:

- Six (6) Regional Representatives; preference is given to the Regional Consumer Specialist (RCS) from each region. If a RCS has not been appointed by the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA), then a member shall serve in an interim position until a RCS has been hired by the RBHA
- Two (2) Caregiver/Family Representatives
- Two (2) Transition Age Youth/Young Adult Representatives
- One (1) Representative from a Managed Care Organization or Integrated Healthcare Organization
- One (1) Representative of the Regional Center System
- Two (2) Representatives at large (Adult, Youth, or Family/Caregiver- not represented in above membership.)

Applications will be reviewed for open appointments only. All other applications will be kept on file and will expire after one year. If a seat becomes available, applicants can call the OCA and request that their application be considered for the open seat on the Council. All applications are confidential and will only be reviewed with the executive committee. It is recommended that interested persons subscribe to the following page to receive notifications on membership openings

http://dhhs.ne.gov/behavioral_health/Pages/DBHOCAPeoplesCouncil.aspx

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To apply, please complete and then submit along with 1) a letter of interest and 2) details of relevant experience to:

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Name:
Telephone:
Mailing Address (including city and zip) :
Home email:
Current Work/Volunteer Title:
Work/Volunteer Business Name:
Work status (check one): Paid _____ Volunteer _____
Work/Volunteer Address:
Council seat you are applying for:
How did you hear about the OCA People’s Council?
Accommodations:

* Reminder please also submit letter of interest and relevant experience in an attached document.