

Health Professions Advisory Council

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Background:

The Council was established in 2011 under the Regulated Health Professions Act. Its purpose is to ensure public protection, quality of care and accountability in the provision of professional health services.

Responsibilities:

The council is an independent body which provides advice to the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living on matters relating to the regulation of health professions. It is responsible amongst other matters for reviewing requests from professions for regulation; changes in scope of practice and entry to practice standards and any other issue related to *The Regulated Health Professions Act* which the Minister refers to it. Council members will be engaged in the analysis of proposals, consultation with the professions and public, attending public hearings, providing oversight on projects designated to the Council by the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living and writing formal recommendations/reports to the Minister.

The Council reports to the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living on any matter referred to it.

Desirable Expertise:

The members of the council must have a strong mix of skills including:

- expertise in law, economics, community health sciences, ethics or other social sciences
- experience in public policy analysis and strategic planning;
- excellent mediation and communication skills;
- a commitment to the public interest;
- adhere to a high degree of confidentiality
- an ability to interpret legislation.

The members should have sufficient standing in the community so as to be credible with diverse groups. Members must be able to remain objective and resist pressure from health care professions.

Members of the council cannot be employed in the civil service or by a government agency or be a member of the college of a regulated health profession or its council.

Time Commitment:

The Council meets once per month. In addition, when a hearing is being undertaken the time commitment can be from 5-10 hours per week. Preparatory time for a hearing can range from 5-10 hours per month.

Meetings:

Meetings will generally be held in Winnipeg but may be held in various locations throughout the province if necessary for public consultation purposes.

Remuneration:

Chair: \$256 for meetings up to 3 ½ hours; \$446 for meetings over 3 ½ hours.

Members: \$146 for meetings up to 3 ½ hours; \$255 for meetings over 3 ½ hours.