



Call for submissions of interest to join Mental Health Recovery Partners SI Board of Directors

Mental Health Recovery Partners South Island (MHRP SI) is seeking Directors to join the 10-15 member governance board to be elected at the AGM on September 21st.

We invite you to complete your submission of interest to serve on the Board of Directors for the Mental Health Recovery Partners of the South Island. Submission of interest form can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/gzCUFeaCTjYAZR6>

Thank you for considering offering your skills, experience, and volunteer time to the Board of this non-profit organization in our community. Submissions are invited prior to August 22nd and individuals will be contacted directly by the Board. The Annual General Meeting for MHRP SI will take place on the evening of September 21st, 2023.

MHRP SI provides services for people living with mental illness, **regardless of their diagnosis**, and support to those who care about them. Approximately two-thirds of the people that we serve live with schizophrenia or psychosis or have a loved one living with schizophrenia or psychosis, and one third live with a mood disorder (bipolar disorder or major depression) or have a loved one that does.

Want to learn more about what MHRP SI does? Please connect with us at mhrp.ca.

MHRP SI Board of Directors Role Description

This is a volunteer role to contribute on the board of a non-profit organization actively providing essential services to individuals and families in the community experiencing mental health illness and challenges. The Board of Directors will be initiating a new strategic planning process in late 2023. Submit your submission of interest today to contribute your skills, expertise, passion, and experience to this community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- All Directors must be members of the Society in good standing.
- To take an interest in and promote the aims and objectives of MHRP SI.
- To take an active role in a committee, on a project, or volunteer role within the organization.
- To attend the Directors' meetings regularly.

MHRP SI AMBASSADORS

All board members are seen as community ambassadors who promote the good work of the MHRP SI.

- Learn and promote the mission, programs, and activities of the Society.
- Advocate for change that is consistent with the vision of the Society.
- Cultivate and solicit partnerships and relationships with MHRP SI supporters.

- Open doors to new opportunities in the community.
- Provide leadership in increasing public understanding of the Society.
- Support fundraising efforts and special events of the Society.
- Share resources, expertise, and talents to enhance the activities of the Society.

GOVERNANCE

All board members share in the responsibility of providing oversight and monitoring of a variety of fiduciary and legal obligations for MHRP SI. These responsibilities include:

- Ensure the financial integrity, stability, and growth of the Society.
- Oversee generally the affairs and business of the Society.
- Oversee leadership personnel and finances.
- Contribute to an evaluation of the Executive Director annually.
- Review and approve policies and their development.
- Develop plans to achieve the mission.
- Setting the strategic priorities and goals of the Society periodically.
- Support resource development activities.
- Define philosophy, mission and policies.

AVAILABILITY & TIME COMMITMENT

- Bi-monthly Board meeting (6 per year at 1 ½ - 2 hours).
- Occasionally volunteer, attend community events or outreach activities 1-3 times each year.
- Meeting pre- reading and document preparations (30 minutes per month).
- Attend and participate in Annual General Meeting (September).
- Attend and participate in committee or project meetings, and/or volunteer activities.

TERM OF OFFICE

- The set term of office for a MHRP SI board member is two years, renewable by election at the annual general meeting.
- All Board members must be aware and comply with the BC Societies Act (found online [here](#)).
- Board members must also adhere to the BC Privacy Act (found online [here](#)).
- As a director of a registered charity board members are required to provide personal information to maintain the organization in good standing.
- Directors are required to submit to a criminal record check at no personal cost.

Additional Board Member Roles

1. **Officers:** At the first meeting of the Directors, immediately after the Annual General Meeting, the Directors shall elect Officers of the Board from among the Directors. Current Officer positions on the MHRP SI, board are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Immediate Past President or a designate of the Board shall chair the meeting until the election of the Officers is completed.
2. **Committee Chairs:** It is an expectation that all Directors will chair or take an active role in a committee, on a project, or volunteer role within the organization. As committee chairs, these Directors will ensure effective communication with both the general board and Executive Director. Chair responsibilities include calling the first committee meeting, responding to enquiries from potential committee members, ensuring reports of committee work are distributed to the board secretary for full board review and responding to questions regarding committee work at board meetings. Contributions to

committees, projects and volunteer activities are an essential aspect of board participation in the organization.

MHRP SI Representatives to External Bodies

The association may be asked to provide representation to external boards, ad hoc committees, and community groups. Individual board members may offer to serve in these liaison and representative roles as their interest and the MHRP SI board interests deem appropriate.