



Disability Rights Iowa

LEGAL PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

DRI Mental Health Advisory Council

Make an Impact! Serve on our Mental Health Advisory Council and tell us what issues are important to you and your community!

Disability Rights Iowa (DRI) is currently seeking applications for membership on our PAIMI (Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness) Advisory Council. Individuals from across the state with an interest in protecting and advocating for the rights of individuals with mental illness are encouraged to apply.

DRI is a private, non-profit, law center whose mission is to defend and promote the human and legal rights of Iowans with disabilities and mental illnesses.

The PAIMI Advisory Council is federally mandated to advise DRI on the issues important to Iowans receiving mental health services, their families and communities.

The volunteer PAIMI Advisory Council meets three to four times per year in Des Moines. The Council participates in planning the agency's areas of focus with the Board of Directors and staff; reports to the federal government on an annual basis with an objective critique of the services that DRI provided to individuals with mental illness; and stays abreast of statewide mental health service issues and concerns.

The PAIMI Advisory Council is made up of a diverse group of Iowans from across the state including:

- Iowans who received or are receiving mental health services
- Family members of individuals who receive or have received mental health services
- Attorneys
- Mental health professionals
- Citizens knowledgeable about mental illness, and the advocacy needs of persons with mental illness

DRI will reimburse members for meeting-related expenses including transportation, meals, hotel, etc.

If you are interested, please complete the application for the [PAIMI Advisory Council](#) on our website and email it to kvandevorde@driowa.org, or mail it addressed to the

attention of the Membership Committee, Disability Rights Iowa, 400 East Court Avenue, Suite 300, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Please feel free to forward/distribute this email to anyone who may be interested.

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