

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

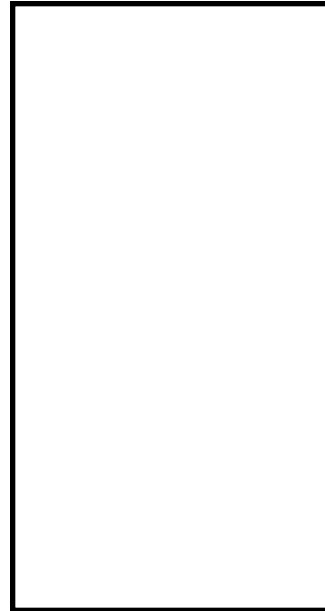
I am interested in serving on the Consumer Advisory Board because:

I want to represent the needs of:

- Individuals with Mental Illness
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

I understand that serving on the Consumer Advisory Board is a voluntary, unpaid position and agree to participate for a minimum of three years, if selected to serve.

Signature of Applicant



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Would you like to help develop Allegany County's public behavioral health system?

**Join the
Consumer
Advisory Board
and
make your voice
heard!**

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WHAT DO WE DO?

THE CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD

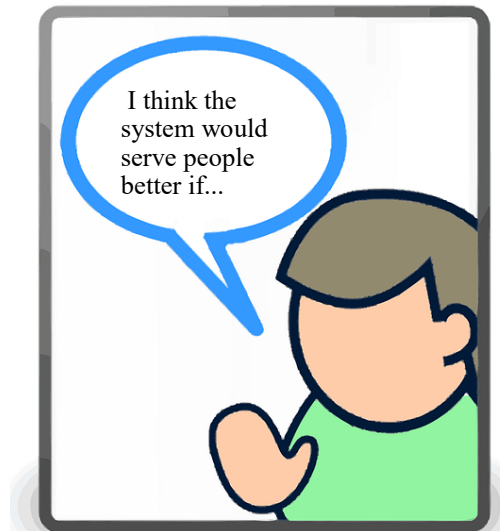
The Consumer Advisory Board empowers individuals with lived experience in using public mental health and/or substance use services and their families by providing them with a voice in shaping the local behavioral health system.

The Board serves in an advisory/support role to the Behavioral Health System's Office by:

- ◆ Providing input and feedback about how the local system is working;
- ◆ Identifying gaps in services and unmet needs of individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders;
- ◆ Recommending areas where the system can be improved;
- ◆ Helping to develop public education and anti-stigma messages; and
- ◆ Helping to plan and carry out community events, activities, and trainings.

Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

- ◆ Attend and participate in monthly meetings;
- ◆ Share your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions for improving public mental health and substance use services;
- ◆ Provide feedback on your experiences and the experiences of others participating in mental health and/or substance use services;
- ◆ Identify areas where additional services and supports are needed;
- ◆ Help develop and review the County's annual behavioral health plan; and
- ◆ Participate on at least one sub-committee identified as needed to accomplish the functions of the board (i.e., public education, plan review, anti-stigma, etc.);



The Behavioral Health System's Office (BHSO), as Allegany County's Local Behavioral Health Authority, is responsible for:

- ◆ Planning and policy implementation;
- ◆ Fiscal management and oversight;
- ◆ Service delivery monitoring and quality improvement at the local level;
- ◆ Promoting access and encouraging the development of new services;
- ◆ Educating the public about mental illness and substance use disorders; and
- ◆ Addressing stigma that prevents people from accessing treatment.

Behavioral Health System's Office

Input and feedback from individuals like you, who have lived experience, is critical to us having the information we need to fulfill our responsibilities including developing a system that is easily accessible and responsive to meeting people's needs.