

Adult Abuse Registry Committee

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Mandate:

The Adult Abuse Registry Committee protects vulnerable adults by recording the identity of individuals found to have been abused or neglected, and to make this information available to individuals, agencies and/or employers should these individuals try to seek employment to provide services to vulnerable people.

Authority:

[*The Adult Abuse Registry Act*](#)

Responsibilities:

The committee reviews reports of abuse or neglect of a specified adult as received from designated officers, and refers names of individuals to be placed on the Registry, as appropriate.

Further, the committee performs any other duties as assigned by the responsible minister, and may establish its own rules of practice and procedures in consultation with the responsible minister. The committee is responsible for maintaining records for all meetings held, including copies of all records submitted to and/or obtained by the committee for each report of abuse or neglect as received from a designated officer.

Upon receiving a report from a designated officer, the chair assigns 3 committee members to a hearing panel, and selects 1 member to serve as the panel chair.

Membership:

Up to 30 members appointed by LGIC (Including Chair & Vice Chair)

To be eligible a person must be knowledgeable about abuse and neglect and the need to protect persons from abuse and neglect. Members represent:

- law enforcement officers;
- lawyers;
- health care professionals;
- persons with experience in providing care or services to specified adults; and/or
- other persons who the LGIC considers appropriate.

A member cannot be an employee under the control of the responsible minister or a minister responsible for a designated Act.

Quorum:

Three (3) Members per Panel

Length of Terms:

Up to 3 year terms (10 Year Max)

Members may be reappointed, and continue to serve until reappointed, replaced or revoked.

Desirable Experience:

- experience in the field of social or health services, familiarity with interpreting legislation, and a background in adjudicating or resolving issues;
- No formal educational requirements, but must demonstrate an understanding of social/cultural issues, mental illness, disabilities, poverty, cultural diversity, social welfare, and/or human behavior;
- have the ability to read complex written material, analyze written and verbal information in order to ascertain facts, and apply relevant legislation to this written and verbal information;
- must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language;
- have active listening skills;
- be able to read and interpret policies/legislation and how it applies to the case;
- use plain language;
- adhere to a high degree of confidentiality; and
- have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner;
- basic technology skill.

Meetings:

Frequency: 20 incident reviews annually (Approx.)
Location: Winnipeg (Virtual Conferencing Available)
Duration: Monday – Friday (8:30am - 4:30pm)

Remuneration:

Chair: \$191 (half day) & \$336 (full day)

Member: \$109 (half day) & \$192 (full day)

Members are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in accordance with the GMA.