

*Health Professions Advisory Council (HPAC)*

**Board Members**

Chairperson

Art Stacey, Winnipeg

Members

Balex Kakamba

Sherwood Armbruster

Karen Holden, Winnipeg

**Mandate:**

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

**Authority:**

[Regulated Health Professions Act](#)

**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 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.

**Membership:**

The advisory council must be composed of at least three but not more than seven individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

**Length of Terms:**

The term of office of a member (other than a first member - founder) must not exceed three years. The term of office designated under subsection 145(4) must not exceed four years (founder). A member whose term of office expires continues to hold office until he or she is reappointed or a successor is appointed. A member whose term of office expires may be re-appointed for one further term of three years.

**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:**

Frequency: Once per month

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

Duration: 5 – 10 hours per week

**Remuneration:**

Chair: \$256 per half day; \$446 per diem.

Members: \$146 per half day; \$255 per diem.