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## *Manitoba Criminal Code Review Board*

### **Board Members**

#### Chairperson

Karen Wittman (bil.), Winnipeg

#### Alternate Chairperson/ Legal Members

Jamie Jurczak, Winnipeg

Ken Mandzuik, Winnipeg

Kathleen McCandless, Winnipeg

Elissa Neville, Winnipeg

#### Psychiatrists

Dr. Jim Skinner, Winnipeg

Dr. Thomas Thompson, Winnipeg

Dr. Hazel Wiebe, Winnipeg

Dr. Stanley Yaren, Winnipeg

#### Lay Person

Susan Ruff, Winnipeg

### **Mandate:**

A Criminal Code Review Board shall be established or designated for each province to make or review dispositions concerning any accused in respect of whom a verdict of not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder or unfit to stand trial is rendered.

### **Authority:**

[\*The Criminal Code of Canada 672.38 \(1\)\*](#)

### **Responsibilities:**

Main function is to make and review dispositions concerning any accused who has been found not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder or unfit to stand trial. The Board also makes placement decisions with respect to dual status offenders and recommendations for the interprovincial transfer of accused held under its jurisdiction. A Criminal Code Review Board sitting agenda can include Disposition Hearings, Disposition Review Hearings and other matters regarding patient files that require a discussion of the Board. The constitution of the Criminal Code Review Board is outlined in ss. 672.39 to 672.44 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

### **Membership:**

Chairperson minimum of 5 members (1 psychiatrist). The chairperson of a Criminal Code Review Board shall be a judge of the Federal Court or of a superior, district or

country court of a province, or a person who is qualified for appointment to, or has retired from, such a judicial office

**Length of Term:**

No fixed terms, 10 years max recommended

**Desirable expertise:**

- All Board members are required to have good knowledge and understanding of the relevant sections of the Criminal Code of Canada
- The Chairperson is required to have experience in conducting hearings and maintaining decorum throughout the hearings
- All members require excellent communication and listening skills and analytical abilities in assessing the evidence presented at the hearings
- Experience in the field of social or health services, familiarity with interpreting legislation, and a background in adjudicating or resolving issues;
- 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.

**Time commitment:**

The Board members are provided with their files in advance for review in preparation for the hearings.

**Meetings:**

Frequency: Weekly (Mondays)

Location: Winnipeg  
 Selkirk (Bi-Annually – Full Day)  
 Brandon (Annually – Full Day)

**Remuneration:**

	Existing hourly rate @ minimum 3.5 hours	Hourly rate for preparation time
Chairperson/Alternative Chair	\$80.00	\$90.00

Psychiatrist	\$106.10/Winnipeg Hearings \$111.50/Brandon & Selkirk Hearing	\$106.10 04 \$111.50 @ 1.5 hours
Legal Member	\$75.00	\$75.00 @ 1.5 hours
Lay Person	\$65.00	\$65.00 @ 1.5 hours