

Questions for LifeWays Board of Directors Appointment Candidates

Question	Response Indicator
<p>1. Are you or a family member a current or former recipient of mental health services including services for persons with developmental disabilities (A <u>primary</u> consumer is an individual who has received in the past or is currently receiving mental health services from a Community Mental Health board or like services from a provider in the private sector. A <u>secondary</u> consumer means this individual has a family member (parent, step-parent, spouse, sibling, child, or grandparent) who is a primary consumer and is dependent upon him/her for at least 50% of their support.)</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> (Mental Health Code requires that members shall be representative of providers of mental health services, recipients or primary consumers of mental health services, agencies and occupations having a working involvement with mental health services, and the general public.)</p>
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<p>2. Why are you interested in serving on this Board?</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> Should not be self-serving. Should indicate support of community well-being and persons served.</p>
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<p>3. Please describe your knowledge and or direct experience with LifeWays.</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> Demonstrates an understanding of the population served and mission/purpose of the organization.</p>
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<p>4. Describe your expectations for the role of a LifeWays Board member.</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> The Board is a policy setting Board. Individual Board members do not speak independent of the full Board. The CEO is the sole employee of the Board. The CEO is delegated authority for all operational activities within the defined policy of the Board.</p>
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<p>The Board meets monthly. Each Board member is assigned standing committee duties (1-2) that are also usually monthly. Board members are expected to complete Board Works Training through the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards within the first 18 months of appointment. This training is available at state conferences. Please describe your ability to meet the obligations of the Board.</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> Should demonstrate the ability to attend meetings regularly and to complete required training within the defined time period.</p>
<p>Notes:</p>	
<p>Describe the values you think are most important to consider when establishing policy and budgets for programs supporting the disabled.</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> Should understand and support the concept of community inclusion, anti-stigma, dignity and respect, priority needs, etc.</p>
<p>Notes:</p>	
<p>Are you currently a direct (contract with LifeWays) or indirect (Contracted under a self determination contract or under contract with a contractor of LifeWays) provider to the mental health system of Jackson/Hillsdale County.</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> LifeWays maintains a conflict of interest policy which prohibits any Board member from receiving gifts, fees, loans, or favors from suppliers, contractors or consultants of LifeWays.</p>
<p>Notes:</p>	
<p>*In what capacity are you seeking to serve on the LifeWays Board?</p>	<p>Provider of mental health services <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary OR <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Human Service Worker <input type="checkbox"/> General Public</p>
<p>Comments:</p>	

*MCL 330.1222 The composition of a community mental health services board shall be representative of providers of mental health services, recipients or primary consumers of mental health services, agencies and occupations having a working involvement with mental health services, and the general public. At least 1/3 of the membership shall be primary consumers or family members, and of that 1/3 at least 1/2 of those members shall be primary consumers.