Central Minnesota Mental Health Center
Citizens Advisory Committee
Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the CAC is to assist CMMHCs Board of Directors in meeting its responsibility to assure, insofar as resources permit, CMMHC provides effective and comprehensive behavioral health services to the citizens of its service region.

Philosophy
The CAC shall champion CMMHCs Mission, Vision and Values, as well as Recovery-Oriented, Trauma-Informed and Integrated Care philosophies in the administration and delivery of CMMHCs services.

Chairperson
The Chairperson of the CAC is a CMMHC Board member. The Chairperson shall work in collaboration with CMMHCs Executive Director to recruit and appoint members to the CAC.

Membership
The CAC shall consist of individuals who are interested and/or knowledgeable about the mental health needs of the region. Ideally, CAC members are persons who have either experienced mental illness or a substance use disorder, have family members or close acquaintances who have experienced mental illness or substance use disorder, or who are members of historically underserved communities (e.g., BIPOC, immigrants, LGBTQ+, veterans).

Duties of the CAC
The CAC is charged with assisting the Board of Directors in evaluating CMMHCs administration of its service programs, determining priorities for those programs, and making recommendations regarding modifications where necessary.

Staff
CMMHC shall provide resources (staff, training, expenses) adequate to ensure the CAC can accomplish its purposes stated herein.

Quarterly meetings
The CAC shall meet quarterly with additional meetings as needed.

Minutes
The CAC shall provide minutes of its meetings to the Board of Directors.

Annual report
The CAC shall make an annual written report to the Board of Directors.