

Public Service Announcement

Call for Members – Nunavut Mental Health Review Board

Start Date: November 17, 2023

End Date: December 15, 2023

Nunavut-wide

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The Department of Health is seeking individuals interested in serving on the new Mental Health Review Board (MHRB). The MHRB is a result of the new [Mental Health Act](#). The Government of Nunavut (GN) is in the process of bringing the MHRB provisions into force.

The new legislation seeks to improve the mental wellness of Nunavummiut and address Inuit-specific mental wellness needs, while targeting a small segment of the population with severe mental illness in need of treatment.

The MHRB is comprised of:

- 1 chairperson (lawyer or health professional)
- a minimum of 3 lawyers
- a minimum of 6 health professionals (psychiatrists, physicians, nurse practitioners, and registered nurses), including minimum 3 psychiatrists
- a minimum of 3 community members
- a minimum of 3 Inuit cultural advisors

Successful candidates will be appointed and trained before the new MHA takes effect.

The MHRB will have the authority to establish review panels to conduct hearings on various matters. If there are immediate concerns for those experiencing mental health crises that require medical intervention, individuals may be held involuntarily to ensure their continued health and safety. Under the new legislation, individuals who are being held involuntarily, those acting on their behalf, and others can appeal certain decisions to the MHRB.

