



TERMS OF REFERENCE

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Family Advisory Committee (FAC) will provide the family perspective to members of the Addictions Mental Health Network of Champlain (AMHNC) to ensure that families will be considered as partners in treatment, care and the recovery process.

ROLE:

The FAC is comprised of family members that are representative of the perspective and concerns of families who has a loved one with mental and /or addiction issues. Our role is to provide a stakeholder voice to the AMHNC.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the FAC is to address specific issues that directly affect caregivers for someone who has mental illness and/or addiction issues as well as and those persons whose condition of severe mental illness/addiction misuse precludes them from adequately representing their own interests.

Members of the FAC will provide consultation, support, guidance, and may make recommendations in regard to system issues as they impact upon all aspect of services.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Members of the FAC will become knowledgeable of the range of mental health services and relevant issues provided in the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

- Respond to key issue areas and address work identified by the AMHNC Steering Council.
- Make recommendations to the AMHNC Strategic Steering Council regarding the mental health services and system gaps in the Champlain LHIN.
- Family group members will endeavor to enhance the lines of communication and encourage an open dialogue with all the relevant AMHNC members.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

The FAC is accountable to the AMHNC through representation on AMHNC Steering Council. Minutes of FAC meetings will be recorded and distributed to members. The representatives at the AMHNC Strategic Steering Council and at AMHNC work groups will be responsible for communicating information on the activities of the FAC and for gathering any necessary feedback and/or additional suggestions.

MEETINGS:

Meetings will be scheduled every month (July, August and December meetings are optional).

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