

**APPLICATION FOR THE PAIMI ADVISORY COUNCIL****Name:** \_\_\_\_\_**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_**Phone Numbers:**   **Home (406)** \_\_\_\_\_   **Work (406)** \_\_\_\_\_                          **Cell (406)** \_\_\_\_\_   **Fax (406)** \_\_\_\_\_**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with a Mental Illness (PAIMI) program is a protection and advocacy program of Disability Rights Montana. PAIMI seeks to protect the statutory and constitutional rights of persons diagnosed as having significant mental illness or a serious emotional disturbance who are in treatment facilities and/or residential programs, or live in the community. Pursuant to PAIMI authority, Disability Rights Montana is authorized to investigate incidents of abuse and neglect of persons with mental illness and to pursue administrative, legal, and other remedies to ensure protection.

The PAIMI statute requires there be an Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of attorneys, mental health professionals, individuals from the public who are knowledgeable about mental illness, the advocacy needs of persons with mental illness and have demonstrated a substantial commitment to improving mental health services, a provider of mental health services, and individuals who have received or are receiving mental health services and family members of such individuals. Disability Rights Montana makes continuing efforts to include members of racial and ethnic minority groups on the Advisory Council.

At least 60 percent of the membership of the Advisory Council is required to be individuals who have received or are receiving mental health services or who are family members of such individuals. At least one family member needs to be a primary care giver for an individual who is currently a minor child or youth who is receiving or has received mental health services.

**PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITY:** The PAIMI Advisory Council: (1) Provides independent advice and recommendations to Disability Rights Montana; (2) Works jointly with the Disability Rights Montana Board of Directors in the development of policies and priorities; and (3) submits a section of the Disability Rights Montana annual report as required by federal law.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Advisory Council members are selected for a four year term. The Council meets four times a year and the meetings are generally in Helena.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Interest in mental health and advocacy issues and an interest and concern for the clients Disability Rights Montana service. Experience or knowledge in at least one of the following areas is helpful: mental health issues, organizational skills, program development, public relations, fund raising, advocacy, individual rights, disabilities, and social service systems.

**TRAINING PROVIDED:** An initial orientation to the work of the organization is provided by Disability Rights Montana's executive director.

The PAIMI Advisory Council is a non-paid voluntary council. If selected as a member to the council, your travel, meals, and lodging expenses are paid by Disability Rights Montana.

**Please provide the following information:**

**Education/Certifications:**

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**Employment/Volunteer History:**

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**Other advocacy related activities not previously described (volunteer/paid work; fundraising, etc.):**

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**Which PAIMI Advisory Council position are you applying for?**

- Recipient/Former Recipient (R/FR) of mental health services
- Family members of R/FR of mental health services
- Primary care giver of a minor child receiving mental health services
- Individual from the public who is knowledgeable about mental illness
- Mental Health professional
- Mental Health provider
- Attorney

**Please describe briefly your reason for wishing to serve and what special talents or perspective you bring to the Council:**

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**Please provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least two references:**

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(Name)	(Name)
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(Mailing Address)	(Mailing Address)
_____	_____
(City, State, Zip Code)	(City, State, Zip Code)
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(Telephone Number)	(Telephone Number)

**Please feel free to use separate sheets of paper when answering the above questions, or to attach a resume which covers your employment/volunteer history.**

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**Disability Rights Montana  
1022 Chestnut Street  
Helena, MT 59601**

## **Board of Directors and PAIMI AC Values Inquiry**

Disability Rights Montana (DRM) is a civil rights organization for people with disabilities. As such, it is fundamental that its Board of Directors individually and collaboratively defend DRM's core values of equality, liberty, and self-determination. Below is a list of statements to help evaluate your suitability to be on the Board of Directors of DRM. Your answers are for your own reflection and for the present members of the Board to help evaluate your application.

There are no right answers. There are, however, answers that are consistent with the core values of the organization.

On a scale from 1 - 5, please circle the number that most accurately reflects whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- 1. People with disabilities are full and equal citizens under the law. They are entitled to equal access to the opportunities afforded to all members of society.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

- 2. People with disabilities are entitled to be free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, discrimination, isolation, and be treated with respect and dignity.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

- 3. Two people living with down syndrom are capable of love and should be supported in their right to get married.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**4. The above couple has the right to have children.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**5. Children with disabilities should be educated in the regular classroom with their peers.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**6. People with mental illness should be able to obtain treatment, including crisis services, in their local community rather than institutions.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**7. All people with disabilities have a right to live in an integrated community and receive supports and services rather than in live in institutions.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**8. People with disabilities want to work and earn a livable wage.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**9. People with disabilities are tax payers.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**10. A 31 year old, severally disabled woman who since birth requires 24 hour care and now lives full time in a nursing home, has the right to receive full medical attention to sustain her life when she is hospitalized.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**11. Every public building should be accessible even if it costs money to achieve accessibility.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**12. People with disabilities should be allowed the opportunity to vote independently and privately.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**13. Even a person who has a guardian has the right to vote.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**14. People, regardless of age, type, and level of disability, have the right to make choices with respect to daily routines and major life events.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**15. Even when the consequences may not be in their best interest, a person with a disability has a right to make their own choices.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

**16. Physical restrains are not an acceptable treatment intervention.**

Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5