

MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY ADVOCATES



WE WANT YOU!!!

The Community Adult Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI) is looking for individuals who have been involved in the mental health system and are interested in being a part of CAMHI by filling the roles of a Community Advocate. We currently have **SIX** total positions open that we hope to fill ASAP! The following counties are all in need of Community Advocate representation:

- Benton County (1)
- Sherburne County (2)
- Stearns County (1)
- Wright County (2)

Eligibility:

- A) Individual has a diagnosed serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI); OR
- B) Is an immediate family member of an individual experiencing SPMI who is unable to participate as a Community Advocate due to their illness; and
- C) The individual is a resident* of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns or Wright County

Duties include attending and participating in the CAMHI Advisory Committee meetings. Meetings are held six times a year on the first Thursday of the even-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, and December) from 1 to 3pm, with a rotating schedule for the location. All Advisory meetings will have an online option to join. Participation in CAMHI's sub-committees are encouraged, but not required. Advocates will receive a stipend and mileage reimbursement for attending the CAMHI meetings.

If you are interested in filling one of our Advocate positions, please contact the Mental Health Supervisor of the county you are a resident of, letters or emails can be sent attention "Adult Mental Health Supervisor" to the following address:

- Benton: P.O. Box 740, Foley, MN 56329 or via email: nknowles@co.benton.mn.us
- Sherburne: 13880 Business Center Dr. NW, Elk River, MN 55330 or via email: Victoria.johannes@co.sherburne.mn.us
- Stearns: 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN 56303 or via email: camhi@co.benton.mn.us
- Wright: 1004 Commercial Dr., Buffalo, MN 55313 or via email: diane.erkens@co.wright.mn.us

If you or someone you know meets the criteria and is looking to get involved in mental health services in our area, please forward this information to them! If you are not sure if you qualify as an advocate or if you have any other questions, please contact the CAMHI Coordinator by email at camhi@co.benton.mn.us

* Must be a resident of the county you represent