

Survivor Advisory Group

Joint group from Violence Free Minnesota, Sacred Hoop Coalition, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition

Goals & Duties of Group

Bring the expertise of victims/survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) to inform the policy work of the coalitions, with the specific focus on informing policy work from the Governor's Office and other state departments to improve the response when violence occurs and to help shape environments and practices that reduce the likelihood of violence.

- Raise questions about policy and practice of government departments related to GBV;
- Present ideas for possible changes to governmental policy and practice;
- Provide feedback on ideas raised by coalitions and within the Advisory Group;
- Provide feedback on policy and practice proposals from various government departments.

Obligations

- Attend monthly meetings, either in-person or via teleconference, for a period of 12 months;
- Attend meetings, once or twice a year, with the Governor, Lt. Governor, and/or Governor's staff;
- Review agreed upon materials outside of monthly meetings;
- Access to phone or email.

Note: Membership on this Survivor Advisory Group will be public information.

Specifics around Advisory Group Meetings

- Monthly meeting will be scheduled at a location in St Paul;
- Meetings will be for 2 – 3 hours in length;
- Mileage reimbursements available.

Advisory Group Composition

Advisory Group will have 12 members serving a 12-month term with a possibility for a second, 12-month term.

To qualify, individual must be a survivor of gender based violence ---- domestic violence, sexual violence, sexual exploitation, and/or sexual harassment. Survivors will self-identify.

We are looking to create an Advisory Group that has diversity of victimization experiences as well as identities from across the state and tribal communities. To this end we have set the following guidelines for membership:

- o 50% of membership from outside of the 7-county metro area;
- o 50% of membership Indigenous and/or People of Color;
- o Individuals who identify as LGBTQ2S, Deaf and Hard or Hearing, individuals with disabilities, etc.

- At least one survivor of governmental workplace violence, at least one survivor of violence by an intimate partner, and at least one survivor of non-intimate partner sexual violence.

How to Apply

- Complete an application and submit online. Link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfif57nq3Ct0gtJcdOW9P71sZoa2km6Ag3kUA48_phATviJvA/viewform Applications are due **November 22nd, 2019**.
- Follow up phone call or in person meeting from a coalition.
- Each individual will be notified if selected for the Survivor Advisory Group, selected to be in a reserve pool for future openings, or if they are not eligible for the Advisory Group.

