



A voice for the clients of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

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Mission Statement:

The Empowerment Council is a voice for clients/survivors and ex-clients of mental health and addiction services.

Statement of Purpose:

To conduct system wide advocacy on behalf of clients and ex-clients.

THE EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Empowerment Council will:

1. Advocate on a systemic level (e.g. to C.A.M.H., government) on behalf of addiction and mental health clients.
2. Ensure client access to information, and educate clients in regard to choices, self advocacy, critical thinking, leadership development, and political awareness.
3. Educate, sensitize, and provide training to mental health professionals, addiction workers, and other members of the community.
4. Ensure the representation of the client perspective at C.A.M.H. through participation on relevant committees, work groups, etc.
5. Increase client involvement in decision-making and accountability structures.
6. Liaison with C.A.M.H. and groups that share E.C. goals.
7. Conduct outreach and community development with mental health and addiction clients of C.A.M.H.