



**Disability
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Disability Rights Wisconsin - PAIMI Advisory Council

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Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) is Wisconsin's Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agency. It is part of a nationwide network created by Congress to provide advocacy and legal help for people with disabilities. DRW services include information and referrals, short-term help, selected individual legal representation, systemic advocacy, facility monitoring, investigations, and training.

What is the PAIMI Advisory Council?

Since 1986, Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) and other Protection and Advocacy agencies have used the PAIMI program (Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness) to protect the rights of children and adults with serious mental health conditions.

The PAIMI Advisory Council helps support this work. The Council gives input to DRW staff and the board of directors, helps set priorities for the PAIMI program, and advises the board on policies and issues that affect people with mental illness. Council members also act as a link between DRW and the communities they represent.

Who can serve on the PAIMI Advisory Council?

The Council is committed to making sure people with lived experience have a strong voice. At least 60% of Council members must be people who have received or are receiving mental health services or family members of people who have received or are receiving mental health services.

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Serving the state of Wisconsin with offices in Madison and Milwaukee.

The Council must also include:

- the primary caregiver of a child or youth who has received or is receiving mental health services
- an attorney
- a mental health professional
- a provider of mental health services
- a member of the public who knows about mental illness, understands advocacy needs, and has shown a strong commitment to improving mental health services

Some people **cannot** serve on the Council. This includes anyone in a management position at:

- a government agency that provides direct mental health services, or
- an agency under contract with a government entity to provide direct mental health services

What are Council member expectations?

- The PAIMI Advisory Council meets at least three times each year. Members may also meet in smaller groups to work on committee tasks.
- Council members serve two-year terms and may be reappointed for a second term. The Council's bylaws require members from all regions of Wisconsin that reflect the diversity of the state.
- Travel, meals, hotel costs, and other meeting expenses are reimbursed for Council members.

Interested candidates should complete and submit the application to:

pacchair@drwi.org.