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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**Application Due date:** Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Submission:** This application may be submitted in hard copy or electronically to Jennifer Rowell at the Department of Mental Health.

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**Notification:** The Department of Mental Health will email or call by Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP FOR THE FUTURE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN VERMONT**

The Department of Mental Health is seeking individuals with a passion for Mental Health to become members of a workgroup that will develop a strategic plan for the future of the mental health system of care in Vermont. In order to serve as a group member, you should be able to fulfill the following expectations to the best of your ability. Please review the checklist below as you consider serving in this capacity:

- Attend 5 strategic planning events in Waterbury Vermont. The events are expected to run for 5-6 hours, from about 8:30am to 2pm:
  - Meeting 1- 8/27
  - Meeting 2- 9/11
  - Meeting 3- 9/23
  - Meeting 4- 10/29
  - Meeting 5- 11/19
- Actively help the moderator, facilitators and your fellow members to advance the work of the group
- Bring an ability to represent your expertise at the same time as working in the broadest way to serve the needs of Vermonters
- Meet expectations specific to any sub-group on which you serve

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## BACKGROUND

The Department stated its intent to hold these public forums in a recent report to the state legislature: [Evaluation of the Overarching Structure for the Delivery of Mental Health Services](#) (pg.2), Required by Act 82, Section 3(c) (2017), Amended by Act 200, Section 9 (2018).

By mid-August, the Vermont Department of Mental Health will have held five public forums around the state to hear thoughts and suggestions from Vermonters about our mental health system of care. The resulting vision will inform the creation of a 10- year plan for an integrated, holistic health care system.

The members of the workgroup will work with the comments and suggestions compiled from the listening tour to draft the 10-year plan.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please check which stakeholder group you would be primarily representing as a member on the workgroup (check one):
  - Persons who identify as psychiatric survivors, consumers, or peers;
  - Family members of such persons;
  - Providers of mental health services;
  - Providers of services within the broader health care system.
  - State employee
  - Administration
  - Legislator
  - Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you able to commit to in-person attendance at 5 strategic planning sessions in Waterbury?
  - Yes, I can attend all 5 events in person.
  - No, I cannot attend the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Members will be breaking out into sub-groups during the workgroup meetings. Please mark the 3 topics of most interest to you below (please note that the headings of the sub-groups may change):

- Access and Flow
- Quality
- Coercion
- Person-Centered Services and Equity
- Integration and Structure
- Funding and Parity
- Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please describe your interest and experience that would make you a valuable contributor to the work of this group.

5. Please describe how you would actively help the moderator, facilitators and your fellow members advance the work of the group.

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## STRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS

Planning for the workgroup meetings is underway and we anticipate the following structure: gather for coffee, tea and light breakfast foods at 8:30, begin work at 9. Break at noon for an hour, with lunch provided. Work wraps up between 1-2pm.

Members who would have to take an annual leave day to participate may be eligible for a daily stipend. More information will be available after members are identified.

I am interested in finding out if I am eligible for a daily stipend.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

If you would need special accommodations to participate, please let us know as soon as possible. The building and bathrooms are accessible; if American Sign Language interpreters will be needed, we should schedule them well in advance to ensure availability.