

Human Rights Committee (HRC) Stakeholder Workgroup: HRC Committee Structure

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HRC Committee: Current Makeup

- The Human Rights (HRC) Committee is currently made up of at least 2 professional persons trained in behavioral development techniques as well as 3 representatives for the person receiving services, their parents, legal guardian or authorized representatives.
- No employees or board members of a service agency within the Community Center Board (CCB) or designated service area can serve as a member.



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HRC Committee Structure

- What is going well with the current HRC Committee structure? What is not going well?
- Would a different construct for the committee be beneficial while still upholding the mission to safeguard the rights of members as well as maintain attention to health and safety? For example:
 - How many members should be required for HRC meetings?
 - What credentials should be required of HRC Committee members?
 - Should direct care staff (such as day program and host home providers) be requested to attend as a representative for members?



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HRC Committee: Person-Centered Approach

- Where are there opportunities to make the HRC Committee more person-centered?
- Possibilities to preserve member dignity/privacy by not having members in their personal community (can HRCs be regional, statewide)
- Would it be helpful for HRC Committees to have different regions review from outside of the local community and how would the payment work?)
- Can the HRC have more options for scheduling to allow for the member/parent to attend without having to miss work or appointments?



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HRC Committee: Availability For All Agencies

- Where are there opportunities to support all agencies in finding and maintaining HRC volunteers?
- Would it be helpful to have a database or list of volunteers for agencies to reach out to?
- Would it be helpful to have a list of qualified volunteers that can be connected to a calendar where they can see HRC meetings where committee members are needed and can sign up?
- Any ideas for making this process more streamlined and accessible to all agencies and all regions?



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