

STRONG VOICES Advisory Committee Member Role Description

Supervisor

Strong Voices Program Coordinator *(with support from Team Lead of Prevention and Support Services)*

Location

HIV Community Link - Calgary Office: 110 – 1603 10 Ave SW Calgary, AB

Role Description

The Strong Voices Advisory Committee will collaborate to inform the Strong Voices program's culturally informed outreach and support services, and advocacy efforts. The aim of the Committee is to facilitate ongoing program improvement that will build wellness through cultural knowledge, participation and identity while reducing risk and addressing immediate needs for Indigenous communities.

Time Commitment

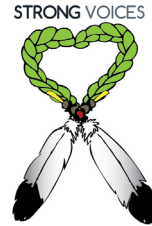
This is a long term, ongoing volunteer opportunity with a minimum commitment of a 1 year term. Committee Members can anticipate attending 4-8 advisory meetings per year, with meetings averaging 2 hours in length. The availability of members will determine the schedule of meetings. The average monthly commitment will be between 1-10 hours dependent on activities, engagement, events, deadlines, etc. as determined by the Committee.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting in the planning, implementation and evaluation of various Strong Voices program activities, as determined by the Committee. This could entail:
 - Promotion of the program to the community
 - Creating networks and positive ties with other committee members
 - Providing continuous feedback and evaluation of program activities
 - Creating a culturally safe environment with traditional supports
 - Providing input into advocacy efforts and documents
 - Assisting with event planning
- Maintaining consistent communication with Committee and Strong Voices program staff
- Attending regular committee meetings and special events as appropriate

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- Respect HIV Community Link's confidentiality policy and represent HIV Community Link and Strong Voices while working in community

Qualifications/Skills

- Strong interest in Indigenous issues, awareness and advocacy
- A commitment to culturally informed programming and support for the wellness and healing through support services for people experiencing risk such as homelessness, substance use, mental health concerns, isolation, lack of access to support and care
- Excellent communication skills and ability to respectfully engage in debate
- This opportunity is open to Indigenous adults of all genders and orientations, and we encourage individuals from diverse groups to apply (ie. 2SLGBTQ+, people with disabilities, etc.)

Training

HIV Core Training is encouraged. Additional training will be provided as applicable, according to member needs and requests.

Volunteering Benefits

- Volunteer hours and participation will be tracked and can be provided for purposes, such as post-secondary applications or work references (after completing 30 hours of volunteering)
- Opportunity to develop skills and benefit from current information about harm reduction, HIV, sex work, etc.
- Invitations to volunteer appreciation events, special organization events or workshops, and community celebrations
- Meet new people and take part in meaningful work

Requirements

- Complete a volunteer application
- Complete mandatory training
- Complete a Volunteer Agreement upon acceptance

If you are interested in this opportunity, please RSVP to Baylie Simms at Baylie.Simms@hivcl.org to register for an information session.

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