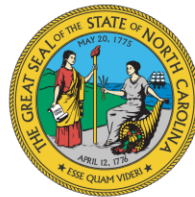


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Membership on a Human Rights Committee

The purpose of the Human Rights Committees is to provide an additional safeguard for protecting the human, civil, legal and treatment rights of clients receiving services at one of the 13 state operated healthcare facilities.

Members serve as an independent review body to review and make recommendations concerning alleged violations of the rights of individuals and groups from clients, client advocates, parents, guardians, state facility employees, or others.

While the committees are not charged with making recommendations about the management of the facilities, they serve an important role in helping to protect client rights.



Membership Qualifications, Appointment, and Terms

The specific qualifications needed for membership vary by facility type. Generally, members represent the Community At Large, Family Members, Professionals familiar with the populations served. Some committees are required to have a licensed Attorney and a Resident served by the facility.

Members of the Human Rights Committees are appointed by the Secretary of DHHS and can serve up to two consecutive three-year terms.

Limits on membership include anyone employed at a state operated healthcare facility and those who provided private professional services to clients of the facility.



Meetings, Time Commitment, and Attendance

Meeting schedules vary by facility. All of the committees meet at least six times a year and the meetings typically last an hour.

Most of the meetings occur during the day or early afternoon. Some facilities meet in person while others conduct virtual meetings or a hybrid of in-person and virtual meetings.

Rules governing the committees stipulate that members who miss more than three consecutive meetings without approval by the Chairperson shall be removed from the committee.



Training

New members are provided a copy of applicable state regulations that direct the work of the committee along with their written appointment from the Secretary's Office.

Annual training is provided to all members by the Advocacy Director at their respective facilities.

Additionally, a virtual Annual Meeting is held for the committee chairs.