

Board of Directors Application



Montana's Peer Network is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. Our mission is to lead the development and expansion of recovery oriented behavioral health services. This application is for a position of our Board of Directors. This is a voluntary position with no compensation. We have up to 10 board positions maximum at any one time. Terms are for one year with a maximum of four terms. In order to be eligible for the Board of Directors position for MPN:

- you must be a current member
- be 18 years of age
- 70% of the board must self-identify as a person in recovery from a mental health, substance abuse and or addiction diagnosis
- Be able to comply and abide by the organizations bylaws
- Sign and agree to the commitment form accompanying this application
- Be willing to volunteer time and resources to fulfill the requirements of the Board of Directors position
- Be available to attend regular monthly board meetings throughout the year either in person or via video conferencing

Be sure to print clearly and legibly as many people will read this application. Please complete this application and return it to a current member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director jim@mtpeernetwork.org or mail to the office MPN 109 East Lewis Street, Livingston, MT 59047. If you have any questions please call the office at 406-551-1058.

Name

Date

Address

Phone

Email

Why do you want to apply to be on the Board of Directors for MPN?

What interests, qualifications, education or experience do you have that would be willing to share to further the MPN mission?

What do you consider to be critical issues around behavioral health in Montana?

Are you willing to attend regular monthly Board of Directors meetings? We meet either by video conference or in person. (Travel expense for these meetings is reimbursed by MPN if the budget allows)

Do you have internet access for video conference meetings?

Are you willing to travel for in person meetings?

Do you have any legal issues that would be in conflict with the mission of MPN?

References (list at least two)

After you submit your completed application to MPN it will be reviewed and you will be contacted with a determination. If the determination is to proceed with the application process you will be invited to attend two formal Board of Directors meetings to get a better understanding of the organization and meet the current Board of Directors. During that time you will be given an assignment by the President to be completed during the two month period. At the third Board of Directors meeting a final determination will be made as to your status. Thank you for your interest in Montana's Peer Network.

Montana's Peer Network Board Commitment Form

As a member of the Montana's Peer Network (MPN) Board, I commit to serving a full one year term, with no conflicts of interest, and with an understanding of the mission of the organization. I also understand and am able to commit to the following:

1. Attending all regularly scheduled board meetings, special meetings, and annual training sessions.
2. Board Members are expected to dedicate the time necessary to become familiar with the mission, operations, plans, programs and board member binder of Montana's Peer Network.
 - a. Each Board member will have a general knowledge of the bylaws, and policies and procedures of the organization.
 - b. Each Board member will take on one subject area of the board binder for which they will be the board expert. They will be responsible for new Board member orientation for that particular section on the board binder.
3. Approaching all Board issues with an open mind, prepared to make the best decision for the organization as a whole.
4. Exercising authority as a Board Member only when acting in a meeting with a quorum of Board Members present. A quorum being a majority of the serving Board Members as outlined in the Bylaws.
5. Keeping confidential information confidential. No Board Member shall promote themselves as a spokesperson for Montana's Peer Network without a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
6. Participating in the leadership of Montana's Peer Network by taking part in strategic and annual planning; supporting organizational culture by acting in accord with Montana's Peer Networks ethical standards and making a personal annual financial contribution, and promoting the missions, programs, and image of Montana's Peer Network in the community in a positive manner consistent with Montana's Peer Network public relations policy.
7. Assisting in securing financial resources for operations as outlined in the bi-annual Strategic Plan.
8. Serving on at least one Committee each year.
9. Complete Board of Directors training annually.
10. Volunteer 3-5 hours per month to the organization.
11. Volunteering in areas of interest, to provide support to staff for achieving strategic planning goals:
 - a) Board Members will submit an article for publication in the monthly newsletter starting with the President, Vice President through the Board Roster. Those without title will contribute according to their seniority on the Board.
 - b) To render aid to the Executive Director or Employees needing assistance during high demand situations. (i.e. manning booths at public events, stuffing envelopes).

12. Recruiting and promoting the mission of MPN is ongoing for each Board Member. Each Board member will be provided materials such as business cards, brochures, membership applications, and board applications to achieve this goal.
13. We are first, last, and always a peer organization recognizing that we are all equal in our journey to recovery. We neither judge nor test, qualify or criticize, preach nor condone. We support each other on equal terms from different circumstances. United in hope and experience. Pledging that no one will have to walk alone.

As part of this Commitment, I also expect certain standards will be met by Montana's Peer Network leadership and staff. This includes being kept informed of important concerns or operations and having an opportunity for input at all Board Meetings.

I pledge to meet these commitments as a Director of Montana's Peer Network.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Montana's Peer Network