

## **QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECOVERY COMMITTEE**

The Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) is run by an independent contractor as required by MCL 333.16168.

The Health Professional Recovery Committee's (HPRC) is created by MCL 333.16165. Its primary function is to oversee the HPRP. The committee creates operating policies for the HPRP, reviews licensee requests about HPRP decisions pertaining to a licensee's monitoring agreement, and reviews and approves an annual report for the health professional licensing boards regarding the HPRP. See *MCL 333.16167*.

The qualification and appointment of members to the HPRC is provided in MCL 333.16165. Each board and task force created under article 15 of the public health code shall appoint one health professional member to represent the profession on the HPRC. The committee members chosen by the board or task force must have education, training, and clinical expertise in the treatment of individuals with addictive behavior or mental illness, or both. The licensed health care professional does not have to be of the same profession as the board that appoints the individual to represent its profession. There are also two public positions on the committee. At least one of the public members must have specialized training or experience, or both in the treatment of individuals with addictive behavior. The public members are appointed by the department.

Additionally, each member appointed to the committee must satisfy the requirements of MCL 333.16135 which requires the members to meet all the following:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Be of good moral character;
- Be a resident of the state for not less than 6 months immediately preceding appointment and remain a resident of the state throughout the term of the appointment;
- Be currently licensed or registered in this state where licensure or registration in a health profession is a requirement for membership. The member must have actively practiced that profession or taught in an approved educational institution that prepares applicants for licensure or registration in that profession, or a combination of both, in any state for not less than 2 years immediately preceding the appointment.

Committee members serve for a two-year term and may be reappointed to serve one additional two-year term. See *MCL 333.16166*.

A licensed health professional in good standing or member of the public that would like to serve on the HPRC may submit a letter of interest and a résumé or curriculum vitae to [bpl-hprp@michigan.gov](mailto:bpl-hprp@michigan.gov). Inquiries for additional information may also be sent to this email address.