




Survivor Advisory Board (SAB)

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Survivor Advisory Board mission statement

“The Survivors Advisory Board is dedicated to assuring the delivery of the highest standards of comprehensive and compassionate services by CVT. Advisors will do this by working in active partnership with care providers to: Strengthen communication and collaboration among survivors, families, caregivers and staff ; Promote survivor’s advocacy and involvement; Propose and participate in CVT programs, services, and policies”



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What is the goal of the SAB?

The goal of the working with survivors as Advisors is to bring the perspectives of survivors directly into the planning, delivery, and evaluation of care.



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Why are survivors advisors important?

- Survivors Advisors are either current participants or previous participants in a CVT program and who can offer insights and input to help CVT provide care and services that are based on survivors-identified needs
- Advisors can help CVT move beyond the “what is wrong” stage, into developing effective solutions
- Survivors Advisors help identify what CVT is doing well and also help pinpoint areas for improvement



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Survivors Advisors can offer

- Insights about a CVT's strengths and areas where changes may be needed
- Feedback on practices and policies that survivors find meaningful and useful in helping them be active partners in their care
- Timely feedback and a fuller picture of the care experience than standard survivors' satisfaction surveys provide



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Advisor qualifications

- No special qualifications or expertise are necessary
- Special focus on individuals who:
 - Are willing to talk about their experiences and can effectively share insights and information
 - Have the ability to listen well, respect the perspectives of others, interact with many different kinds of people, and work in partnership



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Advisor Orientation Session

- General volunteer orientation with a specific orientation for Advisor work
- Staff liaison trains Advisors on topics:
 - Privacy and confidentiality (HIPPA)
 - Advisor guidelines and Advisor Agreement
 - Staff Liaison & CVT responsibilities to Advisors
 - SAB governing bylaws, SAB governing bylaws in layman's terms
 - Consent for participation in advocacy, events, media
 - Provide history of CVT, survivor's engagement, and the principles of survivors- and family-centered care



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Role and responsibilities of SAB members

- **Time commitment**
 - 1 year (initial year of SAB)
 - 2 year term
 - Membership may continue longer on a case-by-case basis
 - Staggering membership terms helps ensure a balance of new and experienced members
 - 1.5-2 hour meetings
- **Meetings**
 - Information Session: Potential members
 - Orientation Session: New members
 - 4 Quarterly Meetings: Vote on agenda items, identify short & long-term projects
 - 1 Annual Meeting: Election of members
 - 3 Elected positions
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary



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