

# Ottawa Guiding Council for Mental Health and Addictions

## Persons with Lived and Living Experience Reference Group (PWLLE)

Ottawa's Guiding Council on Mental Health and Addictions Secretariat is working to identify specific options and recommendations that respond to the needs of the community for an effective 24/7 mental health and substance use crisis response. We are seeking authentic community engagement and consultation with diverse and marginalized voices who are most often negatively impacted by the existing crisis response system. This work will be done through a community development process that includes multi-stakeholder consultations.

To help us with this work, we are looking for people with diverse lived/living experience of mental health problems, mental illnesses and substance use problems, including family caregivers and people who have experienced the current crisis response system. This Reference Group will provide expert counsel and share their insights from the much-needed critical lens of lived experience. Participants will represent themselves rather than any organization.

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You can also express interest by email or phone by contacting Trevor Lapointe.

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We seek to build a diverse team including youth, older adults, people with disabilities, Indigenous people, Black and other people of colour, and people from the 2SLGBTQ+ community to enable us to capture new insights and diverse experiences.

### **Time Commitment:**

Four meetings (two-hours each) between Mid-July and March 2023.

### **Honorarium:**

\$ 50.00 per two-hour meeting

**To apply please fill in this application form by:**

June 19th, 2022