# Open Recruitment for Advisory Committee Members

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is recruiting people with expertise and knowledge related to the use of positive support strategies as alternatives to the use of restrictive interventions to be part of the **External Program Review Committee** (EPRC). The EPRC serves to promote respectful and thoughtful alternatives to mechanical restraints and other prohibited behavioral interventions. It is a volunteer advisory committee that ensures DHS-licensed providers and others involved in supporting people with disabilities examine the function of self-injurious behavior and seek solutions based on person-centered positive support strategies to improve lives. Members of the EPRC will also have opportunities to make recommendations on policies related to MN Administrative Rules, Chapter 9544, known as the Positive Supports Rule.

If you or a colleague are interested in having a voice in how communities and programs can better serve people with disabilities using positive support strategies, we encourage you to apply. All members of the EPRC are appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services. EPRC members meet weekly, and members from around the state are welcome to participate through a video-based web link. There is no deadline to apply for the committee and qualified individuals are encouraged to submit applications throughout the year.

Applications are available on the following webpage: https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/Agency/.

A formal description of EPRC member job duties can be found at: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=9544.0130.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the EPRC Coordinator at: PositiveSupports@state.mn.us.