

Terms of Reference: Advisory Committee - Best Practices Network in Canadian Higher Education

Background and Organizational Structure

The Best Practices Network in Canadian Higher Education (BP-Net) is a national mental health community of practice and knowledge exchange network. Our aim is to promote and advance evidence-based post-secondary student mental health and wellness initiatives to improve Canadian post-secondary students' well-being. The network focuses on strengthening the assessment and evaluation capacity of mental health and wellness centres in Canadian post-secondary institutions. We seek to set the standard for performance in post-secondary mental health on Canadian campuses. The activities, direction, mission, and vision of the network is overseen by a Steering Committee.

BP-Net is further supported by an Advisory Committee that provides guidance and input to the Steering Committee. Advisory Committee members include emerging adult and campus mental health researchers, campus mental health service providers and sectoral experts from across Canada who represent the range of post-secondary institutions.

Roles

The role of the Advisory Committee is to:

- Provide expert guidance on strategic direction to help achieve the objectives and mission of BP-Net.
- Provide input, when consulted by the Steering Committee, on a range of questions and considerations to support decision making.
- Provide leadership in advancing the goals of BP-Net through the professional roles of the members

Membership

Composition of the Committee:

The Advisory Committee is comprised of individuals holding professional roles in institutions and organizations promoting mental health and wellness on Canadian post-secondary campuses. Members are diverse with respect to Canadian geographical locale and their expertise in post-secondary mental health. Advisory Committee meetings are coordinated by members of the Steering Committee.

Responsibilities

The Advisory Committee members are expected to:

- Meet bi-annually: once virtually and once in person (e.g., at CACUSS).
- Consult and engage members on collaborative BP-Net projects.
- Consult and advise on network activities (strategic planning, projects, etc.).

Term

Advisory committee members will serve for a period of 3 years. If a member of the Advisory Committee would like to step down, a letter of resignation will be sent to the Steering Committee.