

SPRAN Public Advisor Recruitment Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Everything you need to know before applying



What is a regulatory body?

A regulatory body is an organization, often within or operating separately from a government, that has legislated and exclusive authority to create rules and standards for specific activities within an occupation or sector. Its purpose is to regulate the activities of professionals, ensure these rules are followed, thereby protecting the public interest.

Who is a regulated health professional?

A regulated health professional in Saskatchewan is a healthcare practitioner whose practice is governed by a professional regulatory body, such as a college or association, to protect the public by setting standards and investigating complaints. Examples include dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, optometrists and social workers.

Who is a Public Advisor?

An individual, often a patient, family member, community member, who shares their personal experience to provide input and advice on healthcare policy and services. A Public Advisor provides views on specific topics from a public or patient perspective to improve decision-making and outcomes in a public-facing profession or sector.

How often do advisory meetings take place?

We anticipate Public Advisors will typically participate in 1 to 2 advisory meetings in a year. However, advisors may also participate in focus groups, surveys, consultations, one-on-one conversations and the occasional ad hoc session throughout the year. We anticipate advisors will spend approximately 1 to 4 hours per month including prep and meeting time dedicated to SPRAN.

Are advisory meetings virtual or in person?

Meetings will be held virtually via Zoom or Microsoft Teams to support participation from across the province. If any in-person meetings are planned, they will be optional and travel support may be available.

How many Public Advisors are being recruited?

SPRAN is looking to engage a minimum of 10 Public Advisors welcoming people from across Saskatchewan with diverse backgrounds and life experiences - no special credentials needed. Recruitment and applications will remain open and encouraged year round.

How are advisory meetings run to support participation?

Meetings will be facilitated in a respectful and inclusive way, using a mix of full-group discussion and smaller breakout groups. We aim to create a space where everyone feels safe to contribute. Support (such as accessibility tools, tech help or alternate formats) is available.

What kind of topics will be discussed?

Public Advisors will offer input on:

- Issues that affect care, safety and public trust in regulated health professions.
- Regulatory processes (e.g., complaints or licensing).
- Community priorities and lived experience.

No technical knowledge required - just your honest perspective.

What support is available to Public Advisors?

Public Advisors will receive:

- SPRAN orientation and onboarding.
- Ongoing support including an onboarding follow-up package, periodic check-ins and learning circles.
- Meeting materials in advance of the advisory sessions.
- Trauma-informed engagement.
- Compensation for participation (where applicable).
- Accessibility accommodations.

How can you reach us?

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