



## **Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness Advocacy Committee Committee Description**

The Advocacy Committee will be a joint committee of the Consumers and Service Providers Commissions of the Chicago Alliance. The Committee will consist of three members elected from the Consumers Commission, three members elected from the Service Providers Commission, and one representative appointed by each of the constituency groups/caucuses. The Committee will meet monthly or as needed.

### **Leadership of the Advocacy Committee**

1. *Chairperson:* The Committee's Chairperson will be responsible for leading meetings, managing group participation, and working with staff to plan committee activities. Chairs can be elected from Committee members representing any Commission or constituency groups/caucuses.
2. *Ambassadors:* The Committee will elect two Ambassadors – one for the Consumers Commission and one for the Service Providers Commission. Ambassadors will be responsible for reporting back to the respective Commissions on the activities of the Advocacy Committee and elevating the role of advocacy within the Alliance's structure.

### **Role of the Advocacy Committee**

1. Develop the Alliance's advocacy agenda on an annual basis, for approval by the Alliance Board of Directors.
2. Provide advice and consent on the activities of the Alliance in pursuing the Alliance's advocacy agenda.
3. Participate in ad hoc projects to mobilize Alliance constituents in advocacy campaigns.
  - The Chicago Alliance's Advocacy Team is an online community of providers, consumers, and concerned individuals committed to making their voice heard and ending homelessness in Chicago. Members receive periodic e-mail Action Alerts and take action on important and timely legislation or policy matters at the federal, state, or city level. The Advocacy Team is a key tool for mobilizing Alliance constituents.
4. Represent the priorities of the Advocacy Committee in other Alliance Commissions and Committees, to the media, and with policymakers.