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Subject: Application to Participate in the Peer Support Professionals Workgroup (HB470)

Greetings –

On behalf of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), I am pleased to invite applications for membership on the Peer Support Professionals Workgroup established pursuant to House Bill 470.

Purpose of the Workgroup:

The Workgroup is charged with developing statewide recommendations regarding the structure, standards, and potential governance of peer support professionals in Kentucky, including consideration of establishing a board of peer support professionals.

Workgroup Responsibilities:

- Participate in full Workgroup meetings (anticipated monthly)
- Engage in subcommittee work as needed
- Review materials and contribute to structured decision-making processes
- Collaborate with members to develop consensus recommendations

Time Commitment:

- Monthly meetings (1–2 hours)
- Additional subcommittee or preparatory work as needed

- Active participation through November 1, 2026

Important Considerations:

- Members serve on a voluntary basis and will not be compensated or reimbursed for travel or related expenses
- The Workgroup will submit final recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission no later than November 1, 2026

Next Steps:

Please complete the attached HB470 Workgroup Application by May 18, 2026. Applications can be submitted to the [Peer Support Professional Workgroup](mailto:PeerSupportWorkgroup@ky.gov) email address (PeerSupportWorkgroup@ky.gov). If approved, you will receive a confirmation letter with additional information regarding the Workgroup's initial meeting, materials, and structure.

We appreciate your willingness to contribute your expertise to this important statewide initiative. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Millspaugh (Phyllis.millspaugh@ky.gov).

Sincerely,

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