



Advisory Council

The People's Health Movement has grown significantly over the years and integral to its growth is the dedicated involvement, support and commitment of a number of people, many who have been involved in the formation and conceptualising of PHM. Many have also been involved in the governance structures of PHM over the years.

With the growth of PHM, we have had to explore ways to restructure our governance structures, and specifically the steering council, so as to ensure renewal, accountability, effectiveness and responsiveness. As such we have been going through a governance renewal process over the last couple of years.

While embracing the renewed energy of new and younger people coming onto the SC, we also need to continue to benefit from the wisdom and experience of those who built PHM. The SC also felt that we need to be able to harness the experience of individuals of stature, including some who have not been part of formal governance structures, but who share PHM's vision.

Proposals over the last number of years to form an advisory council were discussed and agreed on at the SC meeting held in July 2012, where it was agreed to have an 'advisory council' which would include:

- Some of the people who aren't continuing on the SC, but still can contribute to PHM.
- Others who have supported and contributed positively to the growth of PHM.

As such, the advisory council would be constituted of people who:

Fully endorse and promote the People's Charter for Health and have contributed towards the development of PHM; and have a strong belief in the need for a People's Movement around Health and support the underlying values of a people driven movement.

The proposed role of the advisory council would be to:

- Ensure that PHM upholds the values and works within the framework of the People's Charter for Health;
- Contribute to the conceptualising and development of position papers and policies;
- Promoting the vision of PHM and raising PHM positions and voice within global, regional and country meetings and fora;
- Assist in networking and forming links between PHM and other like minded movement and networks;
- Seek and notify the secretariat about fundraising opportunities

The Advisory Council would elect a chairperson who would be a member of the SC.

Criteria for Advisory Council to include the following:

- Are individuals who have the capacity and the willingness to provide continuing guidance to the PHM on organisational and programmatic issues;
- Have shown commitment to PHM ideals and values consistently over a number of years;
- Have been active in advocating and advancing the aims of PHM

The proposal is to start with a compact Council, which includes former members of the SC who can devote time to this function, and individuals of stature who have shared the ideals of the PHM and been advocates for them over a concerted period. . We aim for a balance of members from different regions, as well as a balance in terms of gender.