

## **BLUE MOUNTAIN CLINIC YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Members of Blue Mountain Clinic's Youth Advisory Board are selected in the belief that each will support and further the organization's mission and work specific to the Sexual Health educational program; that each will devote time, talent, and energy to the program; and that each will objectively and appropriately engage in deliberations and decisions relating to the program.

Blue Mountain Clinic is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization which means BMC and its programs are accountable to the public.

Youth Advisory Board Members are expected to do the following:

**I. Participate fully by attending board meetings and events.**

Attendance at board meetings enables board members to learn first-hand and deliberate thoughtfully about current plans, and challenges. Board members are expected to review meeting agendas and supporting materials prior to meetings and arrive prepared to discuss.

The board meets throughout the summer and monthly during the school year. Each member is expected to make a good-faith effort to attend all meetings each year.

**II. Raise the profile of Blue Mountain Clinic's Youth Health program in your spheres of influence.**

Each board member is involved in several arenas during the course of their personal, professional and community life. Board members can promote the program and serve as informed advocates for this program, publicize and improve the community's understanding of education and enhance its image – thus helping indirectly and directly to support the cultural shift from current paradigms to ones that are empowering and relevant to today's youth.

**III. Keep informed about relevant issues about and affecting the organization.**

Informed board members are effective board members. In addition to materials regularly provided to the board by staff, board members are encouraged to keep current on community issues relating to and/or affecting our educational program and its future.

**IV. Ensure strong board leadership and governance of the Youth Advisory Board of directors.**

Board members are encouraged to recommend prospective members, and provide orientation to new members. Each member is expected to participate in the long-range planning efforts of the program, and ensure that resources are created and available to meet the needs of program. To fully participate, it is expected that board members ask hard questions and are forward-thinking.