

Fountain House Board of Directors Responsibilities of Individual Directors

MISSION STATEMENT: Fountain House is dedicated to the recovery of men and women with mental illness by providing opportunities for our members to live, work and learn, while contributing their talents through a community of mutual support.

Fountain House is governed by a Board of Directors which considers itself a working board. To that end, each Director assumes the following responsibilities and agrees to be accountable for them.

- 1) Providing guidance, counsel, support and direction to the President of Fountain House at Board meetings and on other occasions, as needed
- 2) Advancing and promoting the ideals, missions and programs of Fountain House in diverse forums – cultural, business, social etc.
- 3) Attending the majority of Board and appropriate Committee meetings and important Fountain House functions and fund-raising events
- 4) Serving on at least one committee of the Board and, as needed, acting as a Committee Chair
- 5) Making contacts, whenever possible, in the corporate community that will help Fountain House to secure transitional, supported and independent jobs for members
- 6) Staying informed of changes and innovation at Fountain House and the international clubhouse movement and keeping abreast of developments which could affect board governance
- 7) Contributing, soliciting contacts and also participating in cultivations
- 8) Complying with the Fountain House Conflict of Interest Policy

- 9) Having an understanding of the responsibilities of Board Members, as outlined in a publication of the New York District Attorney's office entitled "Right from the Start, Responsibilities of Directors and Officers of Not-For Profit Corporations," and fulfilling those responsibilities to the best of his or her ability