

## **Responsibilities –**

### **Special Advisor to the Minister on Disability Issues**

August 2020

#### **Duties**

Reporting to the Minister of Families, the Special Advisor is appointed by the Minister to provide their opinion on issues and questions raised by people with disabilities. As a person with a disability, the Special Advisor is expected to share from their own lived-experience and to share their unique perspective.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Attending four meetings a year with the Minister or Deputy Minister of Families
- Giving advice to the Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Task Force
- Giving advice to the Advisory Group of employers and advocates on developing the employment potential of persons with disabilities
- Giving advice on other departmental projects of importance for persons with disabilities
- Presenting to department staff on their experience

#### **Remuneration / Hours worked**

The Special Advisor will be remunerated at a rate of \$48.67 per hour<sup>1</sup>. The Special Advisor will not work more than four hours a month.

#### **Term**

The Special Advisor is appointed for a period of one year.

#### **Biography of the appointee**

##### **Jessica Croy**

Jessica Croy was People First Manitoba's Second Vice President for two years and was elected First Vice President in 2019. Jessica was originally part of the Local Selkirk Chapter starting in 2013 and joined the Executive Board in 2015 to learn more about people's rights and how to advocate for her community. People First is important to Jessica because she believes everyone should be treated as equal members of society. Jessica is particularly passionate about educating others, speaking on the importance of language, and sharing her own personal experiences. In Jessica's career with People First some of her biggest accomplishments have been working on The Language Project and the Disability Vote Matters campaigns. As the current President of the Local

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<sup>1</sup> Commensurate with the rate provided to members of the Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Task Force.

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Selkirk Chapter, Jessica hopes to work towards getting hand rails along the stairs in the Rec Centre and one day becoming the next President of People First Manitoba.