

Rikki Fontaine, MSW, RSW

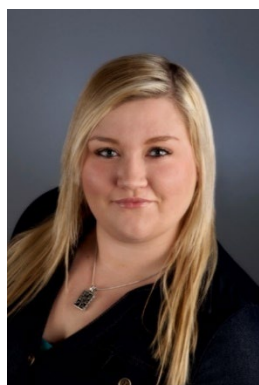
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Member Representative

Term: 2024-2027 (2nd term)

Region: Capital

Biography



This will be Rikki's second term on the Board of Directors at the Manitoba College of Social Work. She has been participating as a member of the Finance Committee and has also been participating in Registration Appeals. This experience

Rikki (she/her/elle) completed her Master of Social Work degree at the University of Manitoba and completed her Advanced Field Placement by co-facilitating a Cognitive Behavioural Therapy sessions alongside members of the Student Mental Health Service team to support learners from the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.

Rikki is a registered ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) trainer. Rikki is passionate about suicide prevention and increasing the skill and ability of diverse participants to support those with thoughts of suicide.

Rikki has previous experience within the social work profession, including six years of work in community development and counselling in the francophone community for a non-profit agency. In addition, Rikki has experience working within the mental health field as a Community Mental Health Worker for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

Rikki's most recent position is at the University of Manitoba in Student Support Services supporting learners from the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and the Inner-City Social Work program. She works collaboratively with various units on campus to promote wellness for learners with various needs.

Rikki views Board membership as a way for her to help shape the vision of the Social Work profession. Rikki believes that it is important to continue to promote the values of inclusivity, reconciliation and anti-oppressive ways of practicing.

Rikki is a strong proponent for the environment and what it means for people, given the increasing impacts of the climate crisis. Rikki believes that her passion for the environment and her experience

in the mental health field will be useful for potential areas of focus for the College in the upcoming years.

Rikki intends to continue to utilize her leadership skills to ensure that the field of social work continues to advocate for and address topics of climate change and mental health. As a member of the francophone community, Rikki feels it is important to have representation in the interests of French speaking social workers. Rikki has taught at the Ecole de travail social at the University of Saint-Boniface and continues to maintain strong connections to the francophone community and the social work program at the University of Saint-Boniface.

Rikki intends to use her passion for learning and her unique understanding of the education students are receiving to ensure that future generations are being educated with the same values and principles as the College. Rikki hopes to instill a spirit of collaboration within MCSW and inspire other professions to act in a similar, collaborative way