**QMHW Reference Group 2019**

**About the Reference Group**

The Queensland Mental Health Week (QMHW) Reference Group provides high level advice and guidance for the overall direction of Queensland Mental Health Week.

The Reference Group is Chaired by a senior officer from the organisation that the Queensland Mental Health Commission has appointed as QMHW Coordinator.

**Role**

The Reference Group will meet at the initial stage of the project to guide the week’s strategic planning. The group will then be kept informed of progress on the week’s planning and implementation via email.

The group will also provide advice to the QMHW Working Party as required. The Working Party is a larger group comprised of representatives from sector organisations and other partner organisations responsible for collaborative planning, development and delivery of the event.

**Membership**

The Reference Group is comprised of senior officers from peak bodies, larger service providers, advocacy groups and people with lived experience and their families and carers. Membership includes representation from:

* Queensland Mental Health Commissioner
* CheckUP
* Queensland Alliance for Mental Health (QAMH)
* Open Minds
* Mental Awareness Foundation
* Ethnic Communities Council Queensland
* Queensland Health
* Recovered Futures Queensland (RFQ)
* Lived Experience Representative
* Lived Experience representative – carer focus
* A Hospital and Health Service (HHS) Representative
* A Primary Health Network (PHN) Representative.

**Expectations**

* Attend the initial project meeting or send an appropriate proxy.
* Review strategic planning documents and provide feedback
* Receive update on the week’s implementation and generally support the campaign and initiatives
* Provide advice and feedback to Working Group as required (this may include advice regarding an organisation’s request to join the Working Group or contribute to additional initiatives).