Application for Queensland Mental Health Commission – Steering Committee

Needs-analysis project - mental health non-government community services sector

Closing date: 5pm Thursday, 22 October 2020

Queensland Mental Health Commission

**The Commission is seeking to engage eight (8) people with lived experience of mental illness personally or as a carer to become members of the time-limited Steering Committee that will oversee and inform the needs-analysis project.**

The value of community mental health services has long been known, in terms of benefits to people who use services that also often reduce the need for more acute hospital-based services, and the cost savings and efficiencies for the system.

[*Shifting minds: Queensland Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategic Plan 2018-2023*](https://www.qmhc.qld.gov.au/shifting-minds) highlights the need to shift the focus of our mental health and alcohol and other drug service system towards the community as the key place where services and support are provided.

To support this strategic intent, the Queensland Mental Health Commission (the Commission) is investing in a needs-analysis of the mental health non-government community services sector to gain a better understanding of the current environment, strengths, challenges, barriers and opportunities. The needs analysis will inform the development of a five-year strategy to enhance, develop and grow the sector.

*About the Commission:* the Queensland Mental Health Commission is a statutory body established to drive reform towards a more integrated, evidence-based, recovery-oriented mental health and alcohol and other drug service system in Queensland. Further information can be found on the Commission’s website - <https://www.qmhc.qld.gov.au/>

Purpose

The Commission is establishing a time limited steering committee to oversee and inform the mental health non-government community services sector needs-analysis project.

The Steering Committee is the key governance mechanism for the needs-analysis project. Its role is to:

* guide, advise and inform on key elements of the project
* identify risks and their mitigation to ensure the success of the project
* endorse key project deliverables at milestone points
* contribute to a safe, productive, and supportive environment to enable members to express ideas freely

Membership to the Steering Committee will include Queensland and Commonwealth Government agencies, peak and industry bodies and people with lived experience.

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicants will be to attend all Steering Committee meetings and actively participate in all Steering Committee activities such as pre-meeting reading, discussions, provision of feedback and advice.

Who is it for?

The Commission is seeking diversity across age, gender and identity, cultural background and locations across Queensland. This opportunity would suit people who have:

* lived experience of mental illness personally or as a carer
* experience using mental health non-government community services
* ability to think strategically, and
* governance committee membership experience

Time and location

The first meeting will be in mid-November (date to be confirmed) and the Steering Committee will meet approximately every four-six weeks as needed and until the needs analysis is finalised in mid-2021.

Due to COVID-19 meetings will be virtually via video conference (Microsoft Teams) but potentially with an in-person option if that becomes possible at a later date.

Remuneration and Support

Lived experience members will be eligible for payment through the Commission’s Paid Participation Policy which includes reimbursement for any reasonable out of pocket expenses, including travel expenses.

Further information is available on the Commission’s website - <https://www.qmhc.qld.gov.au/about/corporate-information/paid-participation-policy>

Any additional information or support needs to support participation in the Steering Commission will be discussed with the successful applicants.

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au** **by 5pm Thursday, 22 October 2020.**

For assistance please contact Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

**Thank you for completing this form, we will be in touch as soon as possible.**

**Consumer Application Form**

**Queensland Mental Health Commission – Steering Committee**

**Needs-analysis project - mental health non-government community services sector**

Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

* By completing this application, I consent for my details to be added to the Health Consumers Queensland network database YES | NO
* I would like to receive email updates from Health Consumers Queensland YES | NO
* Are you happy for Health Consumers Queensland to share this form with Queensland Mental Health Commission as part of the process for this application? YES | NO

Please highlight any group you identify as being a part of:

* Living with a mental illness
* Caring for someone with a mental illness
* Living with a disability
* Live in a regional, rural or remote part of Queensland
* Culturally or linguistically diverse
* From a non-English speaking background
* LGBTIQ+

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state

Are you a: Consumer | Carer

Age range: 16-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

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| **Gender:** |  Male | Female | Intersex | Other | Prefer not to state |

*Your responses to the following questions only need to be a brief sentence or two*

1. Please describe your experience as a health consumer representative including committees, focus groups, surveys, governance roles, etc. *Tip: Past consumer representative positions that have similar requirements to the opportunity you’re expressing interest in.*

**2. Please describe any connections you have to your community (e.g. networks, groups) and any that relate to community mental health services***Tip: Think about how this relates to the role you’re applying for.*

3. Please describe your interest in being a part of the Mental Health Commission Steering Committee to inform the mental health non-government community services sector needs-analysis project? *Tip: Things to consider here include:* *any past lived experience that shows your understanding of the topic, or your understanding of the social/health/economic implications of the topic/condition.*

4. Please provide contact details for a staff member from a health service or department you are currently partnering with. (we will advise if you are shortlisted before we contact your referee).

Full name:

Staff Role:

Partnering Activity (eg. Committee Chair):

Organisation:

Phone number:

Email:

Applicant Role:

5. Do you need any support to take part in this activity (examples include support person, hearing loop, dietary requirements)