Expression of Interest – Application for community of interest membership - Mental Health Act 2016 eLearning package review

Closing date: Monday, 11 January 2020

Office of the Chief Psychiatrist, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch

**The Office of the Chief Psychiatrist (OCP) is seeking consumer and carer representatives with experience of the Queensland mental health system to participate in a community of interest for the review of the training resources utilised to train clinicians in executing their functions under the *Mental Health Act 2016*.** This training resource is also available to the broader community.

The Chief Psychiatrist is responsible for:

* exercising the statutory responsibilities of the Chief Psychiatrist for the purpose of the administration of the [*Mental Health Act 2016*](https://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/mentalhealth/mha/mha)
* consultation and specialist advice regarding the clinical care and treatment of people with mental, behavioural and neurodevelopmental disorders, with a particular focus on those receiving services within Queensland Health’s mental health alcohol and other drug (MHAOD) services.

The OCP strives to improve outcomes and promote recovery for, and rights of, consumers with mental health and substance use disorders.  It provides support, advice and direction to MHAOD services in providing clinical care.

The OCP leads mental health legislative policy analysis and development and contributes to legislative policy processes in other Queensland Health work units and government agencies.  The statutory functions of the Chief Psychiatrist under the Mental Health Act are supported by compliance monitoring and related policy and system development and management of the interface between the mental health and justice systems.

**Purpose of the Community of Interest**

A project to review the current Mental Health Act eLearning package is currently underway and is anticipated to require a phased approach spanning a two (2) to three (3) year period.

It is anticipated that the community of interest will establish a pool of applicants that the OCP can engage to provide feedback on specific topics and resources over a three-year period. This feedback will inform the gradual redevelopment of the educational package by opting in or out of activities as they arise. Activities will vary and may include:

* Surveys,
* Content review and development,
* Input into color schemes, infographics and pictures utilised,
* Collaboration on scripts, scenarios, videos and/or other interactive resources, and
* Other activities as they arise.

Role of the consumer or carer

The project team intend to co-design the education package with consumers and carers. The successful applicants will be required to consider opportunities to participate as they arise and opt in or out of the activities. Where a consumer or carer choose to opt in, their role will be to actively participate in the activities specified by:

* attending relevant meetings and working groups,
* completing pre-meeting reading,
* participating in discussions, and
* providing feedback and/or advice from a consumer or carer perspective.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit consumer and carer representatives with a lived experience of mental illness including interactions with authorised mental health services (inpatient or community) and exposure to the *Mental Health Act 2016*.

Some subjects for discussion may be triggering to consumers and / or carers. Applicants are encouraged to review the topics listed on the OCP’s website as these will mirror those subjects to review for the education package. The topics can be located [here](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/clinical-staff/mental-health/act/policies-guidelines).

Time and location

Access to a computer and reliable internet service would be ideal as meetings are held via videoconference.

Meetings and working groups will be held via video conferencing, Microsoft Teams exclusively to ensure members from across the state are able to attend. Support to set up Microsoft Teams on devices and an overview of how to utilise the Teams software can be provided to consumers and / or carer representatives if required.

Remuneration and Support

Consumer and carer community of interest participants will be remunerated for their time in line with [Health Consumers Queensland’s remuneration position statement](http://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Consumer-Remuneration-Rates-Dec-2015.pdf) at the rate of $40 per hour.

All meetings will be conducted via Microsoft Teams and therefore it is not anticipated that any parking or travel expenses will be incurred. However, where these are incurred, they will be covered.

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au**by **11 January 2020.**

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

**Consumer Application Form**

**Consumer or Carer representative for community of interest member – Mental Health Act 2016 eLearning package review.**

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 Health as part of the process for this application? YES | NO

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

* Lived experience of mental illness or caring for someone with mental illness
* Had interactions with the Mental Health Act 2016 and authorised mental health services (inpatient or community).
* Living with a disability/chronic condition
* Caring for someone with a disability
* Physically isolated or transport disadvantaged
* 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 any support you need to take part in this activity. Please take into account the content for review as outlined in the expression of interest and any supports you may require in relation to this *(examples include support person, debriefing post consultation, interpreters).*
2. Please describe your experience as a mental health consumer/carer 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. Give an indication of how long each position was for, and any relevant highlights.*

1. **Please describe why you are interested in being involved in the community of interest for this project**. *Tip: Are you wanting to influence the way clinicians interact with mental health consumers / are you interested in systemic change?*
2. **Please describe any connections you have to your community that you feel would be helpful to providing feedback and advice to the office of the chief psychiatrist on these training resources (e.g. networks, groups)***Tip: Think about how this relates to the role you’re applying for.*