



## Application Form

### Western Australian Consumer Representative for the National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum

*\*The information you provide below is confidential and will only be provided to the Selection Panel members and will not be used for any other purpose or distributed without prior permission.*

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print first and last name*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please confirm you are mental health consumer:

**A consumer:** A person with a living or lived experience of mental health issues.

3. Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you:  younger than 18 years     18–25     26–40     41-60     60+

5. Do you identify as a member of any of these groups? (Mark all that apply to you)

Aboriginal

Torres Strait Islander

CaLD Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, please state \_\_\_\_\_

LGBTIQ+: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Questioning or other diverse sexuality and gender

6. Do you have any disability/impairment support requirements we should be aware of?

i.e. TTY, Visual aids? \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you are unsuccessful on this occasion, would you like the Mental Health Commission to keep you informed about other consumer/family/carers committees, events, forums etc. in the future?

YES

NO



## Selection and Application Process

The Selection Panel uses the NMHCCF selection process outlined in their document [A nationally consistent approach for NMHCCF consumer and carer selection and representation](#). Mental health consumers interested in being a Western Australian representative on the NMHCCF should address each of the selection criteria (**maximum of 1500 words in total**) and provide a letter of support from a relevant consumer or carer organisation. A selection panel will review and short list the applications, an informal interview may be required. The outcome of applications will be announced by early November 2020.

## Selection criteria

1. Demonstrated ability to provide or understanding of contemporary consumer perspectives at a strategic and system advocacy level. For example, demonstrated skills, knowledge and understandings could include:
  - An understanding of the principles of consumer participation in practice;
  - A commitment to being widely informed of and ability to represent consumer experiences beyond one's personal experience;
  - Familiarity with key state or territory and national policy issues in mental health;
  - An ability to effectively provide advice and strategic direction to the NMHCCF on behalf of Western Australian consumers; and
  - Problem solving skills, and ability to use own initiative as well as being effective as part of a senior strategic group and willingness to contribute to the goals of the NMHCCF.
2. Demonstrated ability to maintain networks with the state consumer mental health groups, organisations, government bodies and their peers.
3. Demonstrated leadership and familiarity with system-level concerns necessary to ensure the lived experience is central to policy development and service delivery.
4. Well-developed interpersonal skills including the ability to provide constructive input, maintain good working relationships with stakeholders (including NMHCCF members and other stakeholders in the mental health policy development process e.g. government, service providers), listen objectively, negotiate and make reasoned judgements. Demonstrated ability to use these skills to achieve results.
5. Willingness to participate in training relevant to the work of the NMHCCF (this training would not be onerous and would be provided through the NMHCCF).
6. An understanding of the diversity of the geographic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds of the Western Australian community, and the impact this has on Western Australian consumers and their families' experiences of mental health challenges.

**A letter of support should be provided by a relevant consumer or carer organisations outlining your suitability for the role.**

## Applications can be sent by:

- Email: [engagement@mhc.wa.gov.au](mailto:engagement@mhc.wa.gov.au) , **NMHCCF rep** in the subject line;
- In person to Louise Howe, Consumer Advisor, Mental Health Commission, Level 1, 1 Nash Street, Perth (Workzone Building, next to Mclver Train Station); or
- Post: Mental Health Commission, GPO Box X2299, Perth Business Centre, WA, 6847.

For further information please contact Ms Louise Howe on 6553 0425 or by email on [engagement@mhc.wa.gov.au](mailto:engagement@mhc.wa.gov.au)

**Applications must be received by 5pm, Tuesday, 26 October 2020.**