



Expression of interest: Proxy Carer (including family member or support person) member for the Mental Health Executive Committee and Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council

Involving all stakeholders in the Mental Health Commission's (MHC) work is essential if improvements in mental health, alcohol and other drug (AOD) outcomes are to be achieved. The MHC recognises the valuable contribution that consumers, family, carers and community members make to the planning, implementation, delivery and evaluation of mental health and AOD programs and services.

Key governance mechanisms were established in March 2020 following the release of the *Review of the Clinical Governance of Public Mental Health Services in Western Australia*, to ensure system partners continue to provide shared leadership to deliver key system priorities. The Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) and Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council (CMC) held their first meetings in August 2020 and are key mechanisms to oversee and drive system transformation. The role of the MHEC and CMC is to strengthen integration and accountability across the mental health and AOD system. The committees have a focus on improving partnerships and strengthening consumer focused care, within hospital and community settings, to ensure that lived experience is central to policy development and service delivery. More information on the Committees can be found on the MHC web page [here](#).

To ensure continuity of **Carer member** representation on the MHEC and the CMC, the MHC is looking for an individual to be appointed as proxy, to attend both committees (and affiliated sub-committee meetings) when the current member is unavailable. To orient the proxy to this role, the successful candidate will be invited to attend four meetings as an observer to familiarise themselves with the committee membership, process and functions.

Paid participation is offered for the proxy role in line with the [MHC Consumer, Family, Carer and Community Paid Partnership Policy](#) at \$75 per hour, minimum 3 hour payment. Depending on the length of the meeting, additional hours may be paid to support meeting preparation.

To be considered for appointment to the MHEC and CMC as a proxy, applicants are required to provide a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae, including two referees and a brief statement (no more than two pages) outlining their suitability, based on the following Selection Criteria and Questions. Please mark your application "EOI Private and Confidential – MHEC and CMC Proxy Carer Member" and email to Engagement@mhc.wa.gov.au. The closing date for all EOI applications is 4:00pm 4 November 2021.

For further information on the role, please contact Kerry Hawkins on Kerry.Hawkins@mhc.wa.gov.au.

Selection Criteria/Questions

- 1. A lived or living experience as a family member, support person and or carer of someone experience mental health and/or alcohol or other drug challenges.**
Briefly describe your journey as a carer/family member/support person and what resources you have/would find useful in your caring role.
- 2. Able to confidently present a collective view on behalf of WA Consumer, Carer, Family mental health and/or AOD networks in discussions and decision making.**
Please state any relevant networks you have and give an example of where you have confidently presented a collective view.
- 3. Lived experience leadership skills and well-developed interpersonal skills, including the ability to provide constructive input, maintain good working relationships with stakeholders that involves managing power imbalances, listening objectively, negotiation and making reasoned judgements.**
Please describe a recent example of where you have used your brave leadership skills and interpersonal skills to advocate for change to benefit people of lived experience at a strategic and/or executive level committee.
- 4. Have a clear understanding of the current WA MHC priorities and issues relating to the WA Mental Health, Alcohol and other Drug Sector.**
What, from your understanding, are the current WA MHC priorities and issues?

If you require assistance to complete this application or would like to provide feedback about this application process, please contact a member of the MHC's Engagement Team on (08) 6553 0600 or email: engagement@mhc.wa.gov.au.