



Expression of Interest

Lived Experience Consumer 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 members, significant others 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) are key mechanisms to oversee and drive system transformation.

The MHEC and the CMC are accountable for the successful implementation of the system-wide reform initiatives and their role is to strengthen integration and accountability across the mental health and AOD system. The MHEC and CMC focus on improving partnerships and person-centred 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](#).

The MHC, on behalf of the Committees, is seeking expressions of interest to appoint **one consumer member** to the MHEC and CMC.

The Committee

Duration of appointment:	2 years with the possibility of renewal, maximum of two terms.
Frequency of meetings:	MHEC monthly, CMC quarterly, some out-of-session work as required
Time of meetings:	Usually Tuesday or Thursday morning, subject to change
Location:	Mental Health Commission, Level 1, 1 Nash Street, Perth WA.
Support structure:	Access to peer support and operational support is available

Payment

Paid participation is offered for the role in line with the MHC's [Consumer, Family, Carer and Community Paid Participation Policy](#) (the Policy) at the Advisor Tier of \$75 per hour, minimum three-hour payment. Depending on the length of the meeting, additional hours may be paid to support meeting preparation. Additional guidance on this is provided in the Policy.

Assessment of expressions of interest

The assessment of applications will include:

- an optional 30-minute information session online to be held on Friday 21 October to provide Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/441449686897>
- clarity and further expand on the role of the consumer member and answer any questions
- an assessment against the responses to the selection criteria to shortlist potential applicants
- shortlisted applicants will be invited to participate in an interview
- a referee check

The successful applicant will be requested to provide a Criminal Record Check.

How to respond to this EOI

If you decide to apply for appointment to the Committee, you will be required to provide:

- a Curriculum Vitae/resume (no more than three pages), including two referees
- a brief statement (no more than two pages) indicating your suitability based on the selection criteria/questions set out below.

Please mark your application “EOI Private and Confidential – MHEC and CMC Lived Experience Consumer Member” and email to Cath Colvin, A/Principal Policy Officer, Stakeholder Engagement cath.colvin@mhc.wa.gov.au .

The closing date for all EOI applications is **9:00am (AWST) 31 October 2022**.

Enquiries

Please contact Amanda Waegeli at amanda.waegeli@mhc.wa.gov.au (for Lived Experience queries) or David McMaster on 0430144634 (for operational queries), or email: engagement@mhc.gov.au if you require further information about the role.

Selection criteria/questions

1. Demonstrated experience in high level governance positions
2. Demonstrated strategic thinking skills
3. Demonstrated Lived or Living Experience in mental health and/or alcohol and other drug issues
4. Demonstrated ability to apply and contribute a collective Lived Experience perspective to strategic decision making.
5. General understanding of the WA mental health, alcohol and other drug, and suicide prevention sector, including the primary, secondary and tertiary care mental health systems.
6. General understanding of the priority reform areas regarding the WA mental health and AOD service system and the levers of change to support system transformation
7. Residential address within Western Australia and ability to attend most meetings in-person.