Queensland Alliance for Mental Health

VISION
Strong, inclusive and resilient mental health communities

MISSION
To be the voice of mental health communities, creating connections, providing leadership and supporting better outcomes.

VALUES
Advocacy
Trust
Relevant & Responsive
Leadership
Diversity

OUR CORE BUSINESS
QAMH’s core business or reason for being is to be a key player in building a resilient community mental health sector by supporting, consulting, coordinating, advocating and representing community organisations working in the mental health sector.

We will initiate key services:

- Sector Advocacy
- Member Services
- Community Consultation & Stakeholder Engagement
- Sector Capacity-Building & Development
Environmental Scan

Reforms

The Community Managed Mental Health (CMMH) sector is amid extensive change and there are several significant reforms underway in the community mental health space such as:

- Release of the 5th National Mental Health Plan
- Establishment of PHNs (more regionalised approach to primary health care)
- Parliamentary reviews - NDIS & Mental Health, Productivity Commission
- Continued transition of NDIS throughout Queensland and Australia
- Queensland Mental Health Act
- Connecting Care to Recovery – Queensland’s new mental health and alcohol and drug plan
- Reform in related sectors such as:
  - Child protection
  - Family and domestic violence
  - Youth
  - Education
**Advocacy Role - NDIS**

Participation on government reference groups & meetings e.g.
* Queensland Transition to NDIS for Mental Health Strategic Forum
* Queensland Transition Advisory Group
* Advocacy Day – MHA organised / Canberra – Prime Minister

Community Mental Health Australia
* Funded by State Peak Bodies – National Voice
* National Submissions into inquiries

QAMH - Collects information
* member information to inform submissions
* Advocacy Day – Canberra

Submissions
* Parliamentary Inquiry into NDIS for Mental Health
* NDIA Pricing Review
What are the issues facing our members regarding NDIS?

Member Survey

Reviews the top 4 NDIS issues

– Pricing (44%)
– Workforce (36%)
– Business and Financial Planning (28%)
– Client Transition and Access (28)

Other identified Issues

– How support will be provided for those outside the NDIS
– NDIS’s engagement with the more vulnerable groups
– Planning process – stressful for consumers
What is underway currently?

* MH Forums by QAMH (174 registered)

* Parliamentary Inquiry into NDIS for Mental Health

* Budget 2017
  $80M for Community Mental Health (non-NDIS eligible)
  but tied to matching funds by State Health Departments

* If State Health does not match funds
  * Speculation Commonwealth will have
    Primary Health Networks
    jointly commission psychosocial services

* Board Level Governance Training
  Semester 2 2017
  – NDIS Governance essentials
  – NDIS Risk Management
What support is needed?

* Continued information about success/challenges in transition
* Coordinated advocacy and representation (State/Cwth)
* Information about issues & reforms specific for MH Sector

Communications - Media Releases, journal articles
   Members Update
   Sector Update/Spotlight (Anyone can join up) -

"The newsletter you guys put out is great- Spotlight, it's great since you renamed it. I always read it as it has so much information that I otherwise wouldn't have immediate access to" by Regional Member
Thank You

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