



Member in Focus

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THEME: NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

Queensland Primary Health Care Network

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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) -

<http://qldalliance.org.au/sector-updates/>

" 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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