

## Queensland Mental Health Consumer Representative Peak Establishment Project Steering Committee Communique

*The Queensland Mental Health Consumer Representative Peak Project Steering Committee met for the second time on 15 July 2020. The meeting focused on finalising key committee establishment documentation and understanding the nature and outcomes of the previous consultation that has already occurred relevant to this project.*

### **Acknowledgement**

The Queensland Mental Health Commission (the Commission) acknowledges all people who have personal experience of mental ill-health. We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we live and work on, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We also acknowledge the many organisations, service providers and community members who work in partnership with us and who generously share their views, their knowledge and expertise. Your voices are all essential to our work.

### **Working arrangements of the Project Steering Committee**

Committee members finalised key project documents that included the Terms of Reference, Project Plan and an initial forward work program for the Project Steering Committee. These documents provide clear directions on the working arrangements of the committee including the role and purpose, conduct of meetings and schedule, and timeframes. The Terms of Reference are to be published on the [Consumer Peak webpage](#).

### **What consumers, carers and stakeholders have already said**

Extensive consultation and engagement activities with consumer, carers and other stakeholders have already been undertaken in relation to the establishment of the new mental health consumer peak. It is important this grassroots work is respected and valued in any Project Steering Committee considerations and that any additional engagement strategies build on this existing wealth of information. This will ensure the voices and perspectives of consumers and carers continue to inform the establishment of the mental health consumer peak.

Committee members were provided with a detailed overview of the previous consultations and a summary of the findings.

Using the [Stretch2Engage Framework](#) and the [Gayaa Dhuwi Declaration](#) to guide the approach to the project's engagement activities, the Project Steering Committee discussed aspects that may require more information, conversation or consideration in any future engagement or other Project Steering Committee activities. This included:

- the recruitment for suitable board/committee members and a supported transition process;
- the development of a robust and transparent approach to governance of the organisation;
- embedding a shared values framework in the work of the organisation;
- and the importance of an evaluation framework to independently assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation and its accountability to members.

This information will be further considered at the third Project Steering Committee meeting.

### **Keep up-to-date**

Anyone who is interested in following this project is encouraged to register for updates via the Queensland Mental Health Commission's [eNews](#).

The [Consumer Peak webpage](#) will also be used to post important messages that alert consumers and other stakeholders about opportunities they can participate in. The page will also host these updates.

## Communique

If you would like to get in contact the Project Steering Committee or the project team, please email: [ConsumerPeak@qmhc.qld.gov.au](mailto:ConsumerPeak@qmhc.qld.gov.au)

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