

Mental Health Carers Participation And Representation Program Special E Bulletin - 19 September 2011

Welcome to the Carers' Voice

Vision: To lead and influence policy change for a better system of support for families caring for people with a mental illness.

Mission: Leading change and action for, and with, mental health Carers

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Launching the new selection process for Mental Health Carer Representatives

We are now ready to commence the new mental health Carer representative selection process (as broadly outlined in Sebastian Rosenberg's Review of the MHCRP).

Position Vacant

As the first step, we are seeking a mental health Carer to sit on a panel that will assess nominations and make recommendations for the appointment of mental health Carer representatives on all Mental Health, Justice Health and Alcohol and Drug Services Division's committees and subcommittees, as well as other advisory, oversight, reference and working groups. It will be a merit based selection process.

The Selection Panel will comprise the successful mental health Carer, a staff member from the Mental Health Community Coalition, and a Carers ACT staff member with knowledge of the ACT mental health sector.

Eligibility for the position

To be eligible to apply to be the mental health Carer member of the Selection panel, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be, or have been, a mental health Carer,
- You may not be a current member of any committee,

subcommittee, advisory, oversight, reference or working group,

- You may not nominate to be a member of any committee, subcommittee, advisory, oversight, reference or working group in the 2012-2014 term of office,
- You must be able to work closely with Carers ACT, and you must be available to be consulted particularly in November and early December 2011; then ad hoc throughout your term of office which will be from October 2011 – October 2013,
- You must be a current member of the Carers' Voice Program, or be willing to join.

A chart outlining how the selection process for this position will be conducted is attached. Also attached are: - a nomination form for the Selection Panel, and - a Registration Form for the Carers' Voice: Mental Health Carer Participation & Representation Program (if you are not already a member) are attached.

Closing date for applications for the position is:
11th of October

If you have any queries please email lydias@carersact.asn.au or phone 6296 9900. Applications should be sent to: mhselection@carersact.asn.au

New email addresses

To enable the Program and processes to run more smoothly, Carers ACT is launching three new email addresses:

1. A generic email address for mental health and Carers' Voice program enquiries, comments, etc: mhcarers@carers@carersact.asn.au. This will be the email address on all Carers' Voice material.
2. mhselection@carersact.asn.au will be the email address for all nominations, etc related to the to the Carers Voice program.
3. mhconsultation@carersact.asn.au will be used for your comments, etc when Carers ACT has been asked to oversee mental health Carer input into draft reports, policy, etc. This will also be used when Carers ACT initiatives consultation process with mental health Carers.

Any emails sent to these addresses will be available to both the manager of the Carers ACT Policy and Communications section, and the Program officer.

Postponed – Carer Issues Forum

21 September 6.00-7.30pm Smith Family Building

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Carer Issues Forum on Centrelink payments, which had been scheduled to be held on Wednesday 21 September between 6.00 and 7.30pm at the Smith Family Building in Woden. The Forum will now be held sometime in October. Information will be sent out once another date has been confirmed.