



May 2020

NOTICE: MHCC Board Vacancy

The Mental Health Community Coalition (MHCC) calls for nominations for a **Lived Experience Director – person with lived experience as a carer.**

About MHCC

MHCC are the peak body representing the community managed mental health sector in the ACT. Our aim is to foster the capacity of the sector to deliver quality, sustainable, recovery-oriented services to support people with mental health issues and their carers.

MHCC ACT is funded by the ACT Government and works in partnership with Carers ACT and the ACT Mental Health Consumer Network to ensure that our work is informed by the needs of consumers and carers.

The positions

There are two dedicated Lived Experience Director positions on the Board – one position for a person with lived experience as a consumer and one position for a person with lived experience as a carer. Any person with lived experience who either resides in or accesses services in the ACT can nominate.

To nominate for the Lived Experience Director – Carer position please complete the attached nomination form. Nominations will be reviewed by a Sub-Committee of the Board who will interview preferred candidates and appoint the successful applicant to fill a casual vacancy through to the next AGM (November 2020).

Position requirements

People who wish to nominate for the position must either be an Associate Member of MHCC ACT or apply for Associate Membership prior to submitting their nomination (<https://www.mhccact.org.au/become-a-member>). For a casual vacancy individuals must nominate themselves.

As well as participating in Board meetings, the two Lived Experience Directors co-lead the Lived Experience Sub-Committee.

The following skills and experience are desired. Nominees are encouraged to reflect on this list when preparing their background information statement:

- **Must have a lived experience as a carer**
- **Strong understanding of the mental health sector**
- **Actively involved with an Organisational Member of MHCC or within the ACT Mental Health sector.**
- **Experience Chairing meetings**

In addition, the person may bring experience in governance and/or previous Board experience, organisational development and/or strategic leadership or willingness to participate in further



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development (offered by MHCC). Please include your professional background in the application for this purpose.


It is anticipated the successful Director can contribute 10-15hrs per month.

How to nominate

To apply please complete the attached Nomination Form including background statement and send to Heidi Prowse (MHCC, Vice President) by the 22nd May 2020.

The recruitment sub-committee will review all applications and organise interviews during late May/early June.

Contact: Heidi Prowse 0422 622 127 ceo@mieact.org.au





Nomination Form

Lived Experience Director – Carer

The nominee must identify as having lived/living experience of mental health issues as a carer and hold or be willing to apply for Associate Membership of MHCC ACT.

Nominee

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Email:

- ☐ I identify as having lived/living experience as a carer of a person with mental health issues.
- ☐ I am a current Associate Member of MHCC OR
- ☐ I have submitted a request for Associate Membership via the MHCC website.

Signature:

Background Information Statement

Please attach a brief outline of your skills and experience addressing the below and include any other relevant information.

1. Strong understanding of the mental health sector including understanding/experience of co-design/co-production.
2. Actively involved with an Organisational Member of MHCC or within the ACT Mental Health sector.
3. Experience conducting effective meetings/Chairing meetings
4. Experience in governance and/or previous Board experience, organisational development and/or strategic leadership.
5. Please include your professional background and qualifications.