



Cover Sheet for Applications

Family and Carer Representatives on the Families and Carers Sub-Committee of the NSW Mental Health Program Council

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Phone Number to be Contacted On: _____

Date of Application: _____

Please tick the box for which position you are applying for (please note that while you may apply for more than one position, you can only be successful in one position)

- A person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who has been a family member and/or carer of someone with a mental illness.
- A person from a culturally or linguistically diverse background who has been a family member and/or carer of someone with a mental illness.
- A person working in the NGO sector who has been a family member and/or carer of someone with a mental illness.
- A young person who has been a family member and/or carer of someone with a mental illness.
- An older person who has been a family member and/or carer of someone with a mental illness.
- A person who has been a family member and/or carer of an older person with a mental illness.
- A person who has been a family member and/or carer of a person with a comorbidity of mental illness and intellectual disability.
- A person who has been a family member and/or carer of someone with a mental illness who has been in a forensic mental health service
- A person who has been a family member and/or carer of someone with a mental illness who currently resides in a rural or remote Area Health Service
- A person who has been a family member and/or carer of someone with a mental illness who currently resides in a metropolitan Area Health Service
- A person who is currently employed as a mental health carer advocate in an Area Health Service
- A non-government organisation representing Family and Carer Mental Health Program support services.

Please attach a statement/letter outlining how you meet each of the general selection criteria (you may use the attached form to assist)

Template for Application

Please Note: details in brackets are suggested aspects to include. You may include more and/or different information. The space provided under each section is NOT set – you may include more or less information.

Demonstrated ability to maintain networks with families and carers of people with a mental illness.

(outline what networks you are connected with, how you keep contact with these networks)

Capacity to effectively analyse government policy frameworks

(outline any experience you have in analysing government policies, how you would go about analysing government policies)

Willingness to consult with networks on issues that are available for public comment

(outline how you could consult with networks; how you would circulate information that was available for public comment; how you would gather and present the information from your networks; how you would present information that is conflicting either with your own views or with the views of other families and carers you have consulted with; outline how you would determine what information is available for public comment)

Feed back relevant information that is available to the public to families and carers of people with a mental illness

(outline how you would feed back information to families and carers of people with a mental illness; outline how you would determine what information is available for public release)

Ability to articulate the views of families and carers of people with a mental illness and to represent family and carer experiences beyond one's own personal experiences

(outline how you would represent the views of families and carers of people with a mental illness more broadly than your own views and experiences; outline how you would represent views that conflict with your own views)

Demonstrated ability to provide the perspective of families and carers of people with a mental illness at a systemic advocacy level

(provide examples of how you have represented families and carers of people with a mental illness at systemic advocacy levels)

An understanding of the principles of participation in mental health

(discuss the principles of participation in mental health – what they are, how they impact on government policy)

Familiarity with the policy development process and with NSW and national policy issues in mental health

(Provide a summary of your understanding of the process of developing state and national policies; summarise some of the current national and state policy issues)

Ability to work in partnership with other families and carers of people with a mental illness and the Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office

(provide examples of how you have worked with other families and carers in the past; how have you worked with people whom you share different views from? How will you be able to work with the Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office effectively?)

Well developed communication skills and interpersonal skills, including the ability to work as part of a team and maintain good working relationships with other members of the sub-committee and other stakeholders in the mental health policy development process.

(provide information about your communication skills – written and verbal. Provide brief examples that show how you have used your skills in relating to others and to work as part of a team; discuss how you will be able to maintain good working relationships with people when there are disagreements – you may like to provide a brief example of how you have done this in the past).

Specific Selection Criteria

(briefly state how you meet the specific selection criteria for the position/s you are applying for)
