

# Call for Expressions of Interest – Community Advisory Committee

The South Australian Mental Health Commission (SAMHC) was established by the Government of South Australia with the key initial role of strengthening the mental health and wellbeing of South Australians.

## What's the role of the Community Advisory Committee?

The Community Advisory Committee assists the Mental Health Commission in its work, including decision making regarding SAMHC projects, participating in recruitment, community engagement, and bringing key issues and concerns to the awareness of the SA Mental Health Commission.

The Community Advisory Committee is Chaired by the SA Mental Health Commissioner, and meets at the Commission (60 Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide) on the second Wednesday of each month from 4pm-6pm. Videoconferencing facilities are available for country members. There is occasionally some out of hours work (usually via email or telephone). There is an expectation that you will read any relevant documents prior to the meeting and arrive prepared for informed and robust discussion. There will also be opportunities to be involved in working groups for particular projects.

## What sorts of skills and knowledge do I need?

Applications are sought from people across **all stages of life** with **expertise/skills in any of the following areas:**

- **Co-production:** being able to work constructively and supportively in a team with a range of views which may differ from your own.
- **Document review:** being able to analyse a written document to see whether it's understandable and meaningful to people in the community
- **Policy Development :** being able to help write and review policies that reflect community lived experience
- **Planning:** being able to identify steps and processes required in planning documents

***In addition, applicants must demonstrate knowledge, lived experience or expertise in one or more of the following areas and explain how it would be of use in the work of the SAMHC.***

- Aboriginal communities
- Children
- Children in Care
- Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities
- Disability
- Domestic violence
- Drug and alcohol
- Forensic/Corrections/Ex-prisoners
- Gambling
- Gender & Sexually Diverse communities
- Housing/Homelessness/Supported Accommodation

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- Lived experience of mental illness (lived experience is the knowledge and understanding you get when you have lived through something. In this case, we mean living through or with mental health issues, or being family or friends supporting someone who is living with mental health issues)
- Military/Defence/Veterans
- Older people
- Perinatal mental health
- Positive mental health
- Private mental health
- Refugees
- Sex industry
- Small business
- Suicide
- Torture and trauma
- Young people
- Other knowledge/expertise you think is relevant to mental health and wellbeing

## Will I be paid?

Remuneration is provided to Community Advisory Committee members at a rate of \$30 per hour, in alignment with the Commission's *Remuneration Participation Policy*.

***Interested? Please complete the attached Expression of Interest and forward it to the SA Mental Health Commission by 5pm Friday, 25 January 2019.***

***For more information, email us at [samhc@sa.gov.au](mailto:samhc@sa.gov.au) or call Julia McMillan on (08) 8463 6230***

## **What happens then?**

- You will receive an email advising your EOI has been received
- You might be invited to attend a short interview to discuss your EOI
- Either way, you will be advised of the outcome of your EOI