

NT Mental Health Coalition eBulletin - featuring NDIS
News, General News, Events and Conferences,
Employment

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NT Mental Health Coalition's (the Coalition) e-bulletin has updates, news and information related to the Mental Health sector and the Community Managed Mental Health (CMHA) sector.

Please forward this to anyone you think may be interested in highlights from this edition, or interested in becoming a member of the Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition.

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Do you provide mental health services in the community? Would you like to be a member of the Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition? As a member, you become part of a larger voice within the mental health sector across the Northern Territory.

Joining is easy, complete our membership form [here](#) now or email admin@ntmhc.org.au for an application form.

NT Mental Health Coalition News

The Coalition in partnership with NT Primary Health Network is pleased to undertake a 6 month Project to undertake a review of Mental Health and Suicide services in the Northern Territory. This is an opportunity to build on the information gathered in 2016, Needs Assessment. Click [here](#) for the report.

Organisations and service providers will have an opportunity to share their perspectives on improving local services and identifying service gaps. The Coalition will be hosting Round Table events over the coming months in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Darwin and Nhulunbuy.

This has also given the Coalition the opportunity to employ two staff members, Vincent Mithen, Project Officer and Roma Hill, Administration Assistant. A save the date and more information will be available via the Coalition's website and through alerts and monthly e-bulletins.

Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS, *The provision of services under the*

NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition.

The Coalition wish to acknowledge and thank NTCOSS and NT Shelter for their support in developing a submission to the Joint Standing Committee. The March edition of the e-bulletin will have a link to the full report.

Mental Health Week 8-15 October 2017.

To all the organisations and community groups who were part of a successful Mental Health Week and launch last year, *talk, support, recovery in the park* at the Jingili Water Gardens. The Coalition is calling on members and interested community groups to form a working committee to co-ordinate and plan for Mental Health Week 2017. To register your interest in being part of the committee please contact admin@ntmhc.org.au or phone 8948 2246.

newparadigm, the Australian Journal on Psychosocial Rehabilitation.

The Coalition as part of the working group is pleased to announce the 2017, *newparadigm*, the Australian Journal on Psychosocial Rehabilitation, the publication is a partnership between (Psychiatric Disability Services Victoria (VICSERV) and Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA). Click [here](#) to view the summer edition.

NDIS News

NDIS Information Session Schedule for February - June 2017.

NDIA is hosting a series of information sessions in various locations: Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine and Tiwi Islands. For more information and to register [click here](#)

NDIS Mental Health Network Update for 2017 you'll find information about:

- the recently released NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework
- open grants for NDIS information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC)
- the current Parliamentary Inquiry into the provision of services under the NDIS for people with mental illness
- a Productivity Commission review into NDIS costs
- a free NDIS webinar on developing your first plan
- peer-led NDIS workshop resources
- new Publications by the Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC) of New South Wales
- revisions to the NDIS Provider Toolkit

- the MHCC 'Share Your NDIS Story' initiative

NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Disability Reform Council recently released the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework. The Framework can be found [here](#).

Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Grants - Now Open.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has announced the first grant round for implementation of the NDIS Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) Framework. Applications are now being accepted for ILC National Readiness grants. For more information. Click [here](#)

The NDIA released a [webcast](#) to help organisations understand the ILC grant funding rounds and application process. Applications for grants will close on 8 March 2017 at 2pm.

New Productivity Commission review of NDIS Costs.

The Productivity Commission (PC) has commenced a study to review the costs of the NDIS. It will examine a number of issues, including; the sustainability of scheme costs, jurisdictional capacity, cost pressures, and impact on mainstream services. An issues paper is due for release this month, to assist organisations to make a submission. Mental Health Australia is engaging with the Productivity Commission to provide information and feedback throughout the review process. The position paper is due to be released in May 2017 and the final report is to be delivered in September 2017. More information on the review can be found [here](#).

Peer-led NDIS Information Session Resources Available Online.

In 2016, Mental Health Australia engaged Richmond Wellbeing to design and deliver peer-education modules and train-the-trainer workshops in each state and territory. The workshops were locally tailored to improve understanding of the NDIS among people with psychosocial disability and their carers, build their capacity to exercise choice and control, and encourage them to move towards self-management and independence. The resources used to guide the workshops are available on the Mental Health Australia's website. Click [here](#)

NDIS Provider Toolkit - Revised Guide to Suitability.

The NDIS Provider Toolkit is a resource for providers to complete and manage their registration for the scheme within myPlace. The NDIA has recently revised Module 4 of the NDIS Provider Toolkit, the NDIS Guide to Suitability, following consultation and feedback from the disability sector and jurisdictions. For more information Click [here](#)

Coming soon: Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC) Online Resource - Psychosocial Disability and the NDIS.

MHCC in partnership with the NDIS are developing a national online platform to help people with psychosocial disabilities and their carers to better understand and navigate the NDIS, and identify what supports are available. The online resource is designed as a one-stop-shop to help people with lived experience re imagine their lives and recovery journey. The interactive platform will include tools to help consumers prepare, plan and discuss their NDIS access request. It will outline the steps and processes required to apply for NDIS funding, explain NDIS language and present alternatives if an

application is unsuccessful. The resource is co-designed by people with lived experience of psychosocial disability and engagement with the NDIS.

The platform is currently under-development and will be launched in March this year. If you would like to be notified on the progress of the project and the launch please email: info@mhcc.org.au

NDIS and mainstream interfaces information session was held in Darwin on Friday 17 February.

A quote from another organisation on the value of the session and presentation. To view the power point presentation. Click [here](#)

NDIS To Trial Virtual Assistant, Nadia.

NDIA has announced the development of a 'virtual assistant', **Nadia**, to provide information about the NDIS to people with disability, when and how they want it. **Nadia** has been co-designed by people with disability, with the NDIS Digital Innovation Reference Group taking the lead. **Nadia** will be accessible 24/7 through the *myplace* portal. **Nadia** can speak, write and chat online, and has been designed to meet international accessibility guidelines. Developing your first plan. To understand how to develop a plan. Click [here](#)

The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) is conducting a performance audit on the effectiveness of controls implemented by the NDIA to deliver NDIS eligibility assessments that are consistent with legislative and other requirements.

Specifically, the ANAO proposes to examine whether:

1. Suitable information, training and guidance is available to support effective decision-making about access to the NDIS.
2. Suitable administrative systems and processes are in place to support transparent, accurate, timely and consistent assessment of eligibility, and
3. Suitable quality and compliance arrangements that have been established to mitigate the risk of incorrect NDIS access decisions.

The Office is welcoming members of the public to contribute to the audit by sharing information and experiences that provide insight into how well the NDIA is implementing decision-making processes. This audit is important given the mental health sector is reporting inconsistent outcomes from NDIS assessment of people with psychosocial disability. The audit presents an excellent opportunity to determine if there is inconsistency and why it is occurring, and to identify the mechanisms required for fair and consistent assessment of people with psychosocial disability. Contributions will be accepted until Friday 5 May, for more information click [here](#)

Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA)

The Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA) is a coalition of eight state and territory peak community mental health organisations. CMHA, through its state and territory bodies, has direct link and contact to mental health organisations delivering services to the community. The NT Mental Health Coalition is a founding and a board member of the CMHA.

CMHA, Executive Director, Amanda Bresnan on behalf of CMHA members reports the following:

Meetings

Meetings have been held with the following MPs and Advisers:

- Tina McGuffie, Mental Health Adviser to Minister Greg Hunt- 9 February
- Sarah Mennie, Adviser to Senator Derryn Hinch - 10 February
- Emma Husar MP, Member of the Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS - 16 February
- Senator Alex Gallacher, deputy Chair Joint Standing committee on the NDIS - 16 February
- Senator Rachel Siewert, Greens spokesperson for mental health - 16 February

Amanda is attending the Labor Party Health Summit on 3 March at Parliament House, Canberra and is in regular contact with Julie Collin's office, Labor Shadow Mental Health Minister on the issues facing the Community Mental Health Sector.

Other key meetings include:

- Mental Health Reform Stakeholder Group - 10- February
- Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Principle Committee Fifth National Mental Health Plan consultation - 22 February
- National Mental Health Stakeholder Reference Group - 6 March

Submissions

Productivity Commission inquiry into Introducing Competition and Informed User Choice into Human Services: Identifying Sectors for Reform-Study Report.

A submission was made to the Study largely reiterating issues that were made in the CMHA submission to the Preliminary Findings Report. The Study Report presents mostly the same issues/comments raised in the original submission. An addendum to CMHA's submission to the Study Report was made after additional comments and information from the Northern Territory regarding best practice in remote Indigenous Communities in the delivery of culturally appropriate services and programs.

Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS, the provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition. The submission was developed in consultation with CMHA members from each State and Territories. All State and Territory members - apart from WA - made their own submission to the inquiry. The submission will be available in the March edition of the e-bulletin.

Productivity Commission NDIS Costs Inquiry.

CMHA's interest in the inquiry has been registered and CMHA will be making a submission. An issues paper for the inquiry has been released and is available. [Click here](#). The time frame for submissions is very short - Submissions are due Friday 24 March. CMHA has expressed concern on behalf of its members regarding the short time frame.

Other

Invitation to join free Online Peer Support forums - in partnership with SANE Australia.

The SANE Forums are a safe, anonymous online community for people living with mental illness and their families, friends and carers. SANE Australia is inviting the Coalition members to join this free program, simply by integrating the service into their websites. There are currently 49 organisations around Australia participating in the program. These partnerships with community mental health organisations are vital for reaching the Forums into metropolitan, regional and rural communities around Australia as well as providing users with diverse expertise, information, resources and referrals. Click [here](#) to learn more.

The NT Government Grants Management Systems is changing. To register your interest in staying informed. Click [here](#)

Consumer and Carer Poll for Evaluation of the National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum (NMHCCF). The Evaluation of the National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum Discussion Paper, prepared by Leanne Craze, Feb 2017. Click [here](#)

The NMHCCF are inviting mental health consumer or carers to respond to a 5-10 minute poll. This poll is to inform the Mental Health Drug and Alcohol and Principal Committee (MHDAPC) of the Australia Health Minister' Advisory Council to evaluate the progress and achievement of the National Mental Consumer and Carer Forum. This poll is to evaluate whether consumers and carers across Australia know about the Forum, knowing what it

does, knowing how it can be contacted and knowing how to both contribute and use the resources developed by the Forum. To participate in the poll click [here](#).

National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Strategy.

The peak body for LGBTI health in Australia, the National LGBTI Health Alliance, has created a National LGBTI Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Strategy – the first of its kind in Australia, and a global rarity too. Click [here](#) to view the report.

Hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm in 2014-2015.

Following the September 2016 release of the Mental Health Report (2013-14), updated data for 2014-15 show the rate of hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm have increased compared with the previous year. Rates are available via Excel downloads for Australia's 31 Primary Health Network areas and for more than 300 smaller local areas (SA3s). Some downloadable PDF resource papers are also provided. Click [here](#)

Does Your Organisation Support the Wellbeing of Australian Youth?

Since 1917 the Commonwealth Bank staff have been supporting young people to thrive through their workplace giving program the 'Staff Community Fund'. In their 100th year, they have been awarding \$2 million dollars in grants of up to \$10,000 each year for the last three years to deductible gift recipient youth-focused organisations across Australia. Learn more [here](#)

No Pathway to Release

The justice system doesn't know how to respond to disability, particularly for Indigenous Australians. Read the report [here](#)

Ask Izzy to Assist Indigenous people.

The not-for-profit mobile website connecting homeless people with essential support services, Ask Izzy, is being expanded to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander access to health and wellbeing services. For more information [click here](#)

Congratulations: Ngaoara: Love, culture, Strength

Congratulations to all involved in the launch of Ngaoara, a not-for-profit focused Aboriginal child and adolescent wellbeing, including issues related to child safety, adolescent development, cultural education and building social capabilities and individual

resilience an agency. Find out more go to Ngaoare website click [here](#) and view the presentation by Professor Ngiare Brown. Click [here](#)

Events and Conferences

Pro Bono Free Webcast - 6 March 2017.

The sector is experiencing seismic shifts that are impacting organisations from small social enterprises to large service providers and philanthropic foundations. Even if you can't make the date, register for the event to receive the recording and chat transcript. Guests to the live event will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel. For more information and to register [click here](#)

National Suicide Prevention 10 year Blueprint: Invitation to participate.

Suicide Prevention Australia will be leading the development of a 10-year blueprint for coordinated and collaborative action to reduce the impact of suicides in Australia. The consultation period will be late February through to the end of April. To register your interest [click here](#)

National Suicide Prevention Conference 2017.

The theme this year is 'Relationships, Resilience and Respect'.
26-29 July 2017, Sofitel Brisbane Central. Click [here](#) for more information.

The 18th International Mental Health Conference - 21 -23 August 2017.

Calling for abstracts. If you are interested in attending or to find out more information click [here](#)

Employment

Carpentaria Disability Services Darwin - CEO position. Applications close 5 March 2017.
Click [here](#) for more information

TEAMhealth has a position as Team Leader Day to Day Living (D2DL). For more information [click here](#)

Employment opportunities at Catholic Care, for more information. [Click here](#)

Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA) has two vacancies, Suicide Story Program Manager and Mental Health tenancy support worker. For more information. [Click here](#)

Anglicare has several positions across the Territory, for more information. [Click here](#)

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