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### Peer Workforce Development Guidelines Steering Committee 1 November 2019

The National Mental Health Commission's Steering Committee for the Peer Workforce Development Guidelines project held a face-to-face meeting in Sydney on 1 November 2019.

The Steering Committee welcomed to the project Dr Louise Byrne from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University. Dr Byrne provided a presentation on the planned engagement process to inform the development of the Guidelines. Dr Byrne and her team will lead a series of consultations over the coming months to fill gaps in knowledge and workshop the Guidelines at different stages of development. We provided feedback and suggestions on the planned engagement activities.

We continued to refine the communication and engagement strategy for the project. With Dr Byrne's team leading the engagement process to develop the draft Guidelines, our focus will be on reaching out to broader stakeholder groups who may have an interest in the project. This will be an important way to raise awareness of the project and build support for the Guidelines.

We also began to plan our work on the Guidelines project for 2020. We will convene again via videoconference in February, to discuss the preliminary findings and emerging themes from the engagement process.

As always, you can email the project team at [PeerWork@mentalhealthcommission.gov.au](mailto:PeerWork@mentalhealthcommission.gov.au)

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