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Peer Workforce Development Guidelines Steering Committee 11 July 2019

The National Mental Health Commission (the NMHC) has been tasked with leading the development of National Peer Workforce Development Guidelines (the guidelines), as identified under Action 29 of the Fifth National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan Implementation Plan. The Steering Committee, established to provide advice and strategic oversight on this work, had its first face-to-face meeting on 11 July 2019 in Sydney.

The Steering Committee explored the work to date on the project, scope and implementation considerations, proposed project approach and development of a targeted engagement strategy. It agreed the project would explore both high-level recommendations to support the development of the peer workforce and practical examples or resources. The Committee also acknowledged the distinct differences between the consumer and carer workforces and recommended the project consider how to honour the differences and commonalities between each workforce. The Committee agreed to release a communique after each meeting to ensure transparency and sharing of work as the project progresses.

As a next step, the NMHC will develop a targeted engagement and communications strategy based on the advice provided by the Committee, including authentic structures for engaging with peer workers, peak consumer and carer organisations, peer workforce networks, mental health professionals, service providers and health professional bodies.

The Committee encourages interested parties to keep up-to-date with the project by [registering your interest here](#). In addition, you may email the project team on PeerWork@mentalhealthcommission.gov.au

To find out more about this project, please see the Commission's Peer Workforce Development Guidelines webpage [here](#).