Mental Health
Community Coalition ACT

2024 Annual General Meeting
Griffin Centre Canberra City
Mental Health Community Coalition ACT (MHCC ACT)
30/01/2025 at 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM AEDT

Minutes

1. Present and Apologies

Present in person: Yvonne Luxford, Leanne Heald, Bianca Rossetti, Devin Bowes (ACTCOSS), Cara Jacobs (YWCA), Ben Drysdale (Rebus Theatre), Anke Van de Serren (ATODA), Prudence Slaughter (MIEACT), Chris Ward (MHF ACT), Ashley Fluder (Wellways)

Present online: Rocky Bali (present for Treasurers Report only)

Staff: Stephen Dunkerley, Angel Hellyar

Observer: Lisa Kelly

Apologies: Sue Webeck, Stephanie Stephens, Rob Antich, Anne Kirwan

2. Acceptance of previous AGM Minutes 2023

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the 2023 AGM, as tabled.

Moved Bianca Rossetti, **Seconded** Leanne Heald

PASSED

3. Election of MHCC ACT Board Members

Returning Officer: Stephen Dunkerley appointed Returning Officer by the President.

Resigning:

- Yvonne Luxford advised that Sue Webeck has stood down from the Board with effect 30 January 2025. Yvonne further advised that Leanne Heald had stood down from the Board due to the requirements of s22 of the Constitution.

Vacancies:

- Full Board Member – At least two positions
- Lived Experience Carer Member – one position

Board Member Nominations:

- Nominations have been received by the close of nominations from Prudence Slaughter (MIEACT), and Brenton Higgins (CPSU).
- **Elected**: **There being no other nominations, both Prudence Slaughter, and Brenton Higgins were declared elected.**
- Leanne Heald volunteered from the floor for re-nomination for a further term. Nominated Yvonne Luxford, seconded Ben Drysdale, there being no other nominations or objections, **Leanne Heald declared elected.**

Lived Experience Carer Member: There were no nominations received by the close of nominations, and none from the floor. The position was declared vacant; to be filled as a casual vacancy under Board arrangements.

4. President's Report - Yvonne Luxford

Yvonne thanked everyone, including staff, board, and members.

Highlights for the year:

- Engagement with commissioning
- Election advocacy
- Advocacy including loneliness inquiry
- MHM and awards
- Commitment to work with government and sector to develop clear outcomes for community MH
- Thanks to MHCN and Carers ACT.
- Overview of advocacy themes.
- Mention that some election asks were met but funding ask was not, and we will be ramping up that call as commissioning progresses.
- Discussion of ongoing work to engage with members.
- Acknowledged hard work of staff, Parberry and the Board.

5. Treasurer's Report - Rocky Bali

Rocky Bali presented the Treasurers Report and provided an overview of the financial position for 2023-2024. The Audited Financial Statements have been endorsed and signed by the auditor and the board.

6. Adoption of the Audited Financial Accounts

Motion: To accept the Treasurers Report and adopt the Audited Financial Statements.

Moved: Rocky Bali

Seconded: Ben Drysdale

PASSED

7. Appointment of Auditor for 2024-2025

Motion: To appoint Vincents Canberra as Auditors for 2024-2025

Moved: Rocky Bali

Seconded: Leanne Heald

PASSED

Yvonne Luxford thanked PKF for their auditing services to date.

8. MHCC ACT Program of Work Status Update

Stephen Dunkerley presented a report on the progress and status of the ACT Government funded programs of work in 24-25:

- Connecting with people (CwP)
- Alcohol Tobacco & Other Drugs ACT (ATODA) and Mental Health Alliance
- Perinatal - Mental Health Alliance

9. Other Business

Nil

10. Closing Remarks

Yvonne Luxford advised that she would step down as President at the next board meeting.

Meeting closed: 11:35am