

Resources

By Default, by Sandy Watson- This article addresses the failure of the mental health sector to genuinely recognise and act on mental health consumer worker issues

Available at:

http://www.canmentalhealth.org.au/Xoops/modules/xt_conteudo/index.php?id=5

Choosing Your Path- Disclosure: It's a personal decision, Anna Mungovan & Fran Quigley, National Network of Regional Disability Liaison Officers & Disability Coordination Officers, University of Western Sydney & University of Ballarat- Addresses the difficulties for people with disabilities, educators and employers and the options and pathways for people disclosing disability in post-secondary education and employment settings. It also discusses the role and responsibility of the employer and educator in relation to disclosure.

Available at:

<http://pubsites.uws.edu.au/rdlo/disclosure/>

Enforcement Guidance: Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 2002- Discusses the rights and responsibilities of employers and individuals with disabilities regarding reasonable accommodation and undue hardship.

Available at:

<http://www.eeoc.gov/policy/docs/accommodation.html>

Guidelines for consumer representatives, Consumers' Health Forum of Australia Inc. (CHF) - A resource for consumers about to take on a representative role- aims to make consumer representatives better informed and better able to utilise their skills and knowledge to represent consumers.

Available at:

http://www.chf.org.au/consumer_reps_program/chf_guidelines.asp

Service User Workforce Development Strategy for the mental health sector 2005-2010, Mental Health Commission, Wellington, New Zealand, 2005. This strategy has been developed to ensure that the service user workforce development is focused and supported. It provides clear rationale on a philosophical, pragmatic and policy level for the development of the service user workforce. It gives objectives for the service user workforce in terms of infrastructure, policy and funding, organisational and service development, recruitment and retention, training and development, and research and evaluation.

Available at:

<http://www.mhc.govt.nz/publications/documents/show/112-service-user-workforce-development-strategy-pdf-161kb>

Strengthening our foundations: Service user roles in the mental health workforce, Chris Hansen, Prepared for the Mental Health Commission- This report makes recommendations from a project which looked at the role and workforce development requirements of service users in the mental health workforce.

Available at:

<http://www.mhc.govt.nz/publications/documents/show/82-strengthening-our-foundations-service-user-roles-in-the-mental-health-workforce-word-255kb>

The Blueprint Guide to Employment and Psychiatric Disability, SANE Australia, 2003

Available to purchase at:

www.sane.org

The SANE Guide to mental illness for the workplace, SANE Australia, 2005

Available to purchase at:

www.sane.org

The Kit- A guide to the advocacy we choose to do- A resource kit for consumers of mental health services and family carers to enhance advocacy activity. The kit has the following parts- introduction, how to use this kit, knowledge and attitudes, skills and strategies.

Available at:

<http://www.mhca.org.au/Resources/CommunityDevelopment/index.html> or

www.arafmi.org

'What are you?' by Janet Meagher- Discusses preferred terminology for consumers, and other common terms.

Available at:

<http://amhcn.org.au/?m=24>

Websites

Advocacy Unlimited- Offers education in self, systems, and legislative advocacy skills for persons in recovery from psychiatric disabilities.

Available at:

<http://www.mindlink.org/>

Consumers Health Forum of Australia- The national voice for health consumers- it represents and involves consumers in health policy and program development.

Available at:

<http://www.chf.org.au/index.asp>