

FOREWORD

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is a Joint Committee of the NBMLHD and Wentworth Healthcare.

Formal CAC meetings were held on 30 August 2021, 18 October 2021, 6 December 2021, 28 February 2022, 4 April 2022 and 6 June 2022. Meetings are 2 hours in duration and have been held via Zoom during the COVID period.

The CAC is supported by two LGA based working groups in Penrith and Hawkesbury.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Name	Eligible	Attended
Caroline Allen (Hawkesbury)	6	6
Heulwen Carroll (Lithgow)	5	4
Peter Gooley (Hawkesbury)	6	5
Priya Jensen (Blue Mountains)	5	5
Stacy Kempton (Jenkinson) (H'bury)	3	2
Belinda Leonard (Chair) (Blue Mtns)	6	6
Lachlan Morris (Blue Mountains)	3	2
Natalie Rosten (Penrith)	6	6
Joe Rzepecki (Penrith)	6	6
Patti Shanks (Hawkesbury)	3	2
Colleen Winterburn (Lithgow)	6	6
Andrew Wilson (Blue Mountains)	5	4

New representatives Heulwen Carroll (Lithgow), Colleen Winterburn (Lithgow), Priya Jensen (Blue Mountains) and Andrew Wilson (Blue Mountains) were appointed during the year, Resignations were received from Patti Shanks, Stacey Jenkinson, Lachlan Morris and Anita Griffiths whose contributions were acknowledged and appreciated.

KEY MATTERS CONSIDERED 2022

Items considered in the 2022 financial year included,

- COVID-19
- WHL Domestic Violence Program – Consumer Engagement Plan presentation for feedback
- LHD Advanced care plans – consumer contribution
- LHD New Adolescent Mental Health Service
- Collaborative Commissioning Obesity Service (health of the community) consumer contribution.
- Nepean Hospital Redevelopment ongoing Consumer Involvement
- Penrith Head to Health Centre
- Pop up Head to Health Service in Hawkesbury
- Integrated Health Pathways for Covid-19.
- Increasing collaboration in Health – Developing the Disability Consumer Council at the NBMLHD
- Health Pathways Consumer Involvement
- Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan
- Chronic Community Pain Program
- Improved representation from across the Region
- Committee Evaluation and Improvement Plan

CONTINUING AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2023

Steps are in train for the Community Advisory Committee in 2022/23 to:

- Continue supporting and working towards the WHL Health Literacy Strategy
- Joint Board priorities for Integrated Care
- Program Specific Consumer Engagement advice
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CHAIR'S QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Challenges, Highlights and Outcomes

- A highlight has been the establishment of a Health Literacy working group to advance this area of identified priority.
- Ongoing improvement in the quality and structure in topics being discussed by the CAC.
- Improved alignment with the joint Board priorities
- Contribution to Primary Care Reform Leaders Summit
- The need for improved feedback from LGA based working groups on issues being discussed by CAC
- Very appreciative of all feedback and advice from all members
- Very good attendance by members made easier and therefore more valuable by the use of Zoom
- Welcoming new members Heulwen Carroll, Colleen Winterburn, Priya Jensen and Andrew Wilson
- Increased integration with AHCC, GPCC and ICC