

Capricorn Citizen Advocacy

CITIZEN ADVOCACY NETWORK POLICY

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Purpose

The Citizen Advocacy Network is a network consisting of citizen advocacy programs operating in Australia, and following the citizen advocacy model.

Capricorn Citizen Advocacy is committed to participating in this network to help develop and safeguard this program.

Participating in the network also helps to expand the knowledge and appreciation of Citizen Advocacy as a highly positive response to the unmet needs of vulnerable people with disabilities.

Policy

The Citizen Advocacy Network is an important source of support and development for CCA's efforts to implement the Citizen Advocacy model in a coherent and positive manner.

1. Attendance at Capricorn Citizen Advocacy Network Events

1. Management Committee members and employees are encouraged to participate in as many Citizen Advocacy network events as possible (within time and resource constraints) including teleconferences, meetings, seminars, conferences, gatherings and other events.
2. The Management Committee shall consider this matter as soon as possible after each AGM by developing a brief plan of involvement in Citizen Advocacy Network events or activities for the forthcoming year.
3. In particular, the Management Committee shall encourage all committee members and staff to attend:
 - National Citizen Advocacy Conference, or equivalent event such as the Disability Advocacy Network Australia (DANA) biennial conference, or an annual meeting of citizen advocacy programs,
 - Teleconferences as possible, and commit to paying for up to one each year.
 - Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's Citizen Advocacy Network representatives or delegates shall contribute to Citizen Advocacy Network strategic direction.

2. Cost of Participating

1. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's delegates to Citizen Advocacy Network events shall be financially assisted with costs to perform this this role; eg. registration fees, cost, travel, accommodation etc.
2. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy shall ensure that its involvement with Citizen Advocacy Network or attendance at any related event is budgeted for each year – including the costs of attendance at Citizen Advocacy Network gatherings, meetings delegations etc.

3. Actions of Citizen Advocacy Network to be Ratified

1. The Management Committee will consider Citizen Advocacy Network's initiatives or actions which might be proposed from time to time.
2. Any endorsement of Citizen Advocacy Network actions or initiatives must be ratified by the Management Committee.
3. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy reserves its right to endorse or not to endorse any Citizen Advocacy Network activity or document, and such decision will be made by the Management Committee.
4. CCA delegates to Citizen Advocacy Network events shall report to the Management Committee about the event and the implications for Capricorn Citizen Advocacy.

Related Documents

1.1.6 *Combined Advocacy Groups of Queensland (CAGQ) Policy*

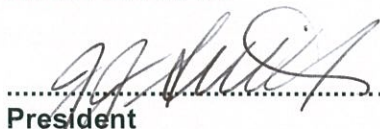
References

Not Applicable

Ratification

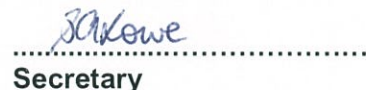
This policy was adopted by Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's Management Committee at its meeting held on 28 / 02 / 2017.

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