

CITIZEN ADVOCACY NETWORK POLICY

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Purpose

The National Citizen Advocacy Network (NCAN) 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 safeguard this program, and support the ongoing development or establishment of other programs.

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 National Citizen Advocacy Network (NCAN) 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 National Citizen Advocacy Network (NCAN) Events

1. Management Committee members and employees are encouraged to participate in as many NCAN 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 NCAN events or activities for the forthcoming year.
3. In particular, the Management Committee shall encourage all committee members and staff to attend:
 - NCAN conferences or equivalent events such as any Disability Advocacy Network Australia (DANA) conferences, or other meetings of citizen advocacy programs, as they might arise.
 - Meetings held via teleconference or similar electronic modes where possible, and commit to paying for one such meeting each year.
 - Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's NCAN representatives or delegates shall contribute to NCAN's strategic direction.

2. Cost of Participating

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

3. Actions of National Citizen Advocacy Network (NCAN) to be Ratified

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

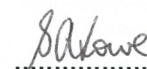
This policy was adopted by Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's Management Committee at its meeting held on 24 / 11 / 2020

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