TheMHS Conference 2006

The inclusion of families in mental health care

Family Carers Forum

Tuesday 29th August 2006

Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre, North Queensland

Outcomes: Making it a reality. Recommendations and action strategies to ensure families are included as partners in the mental health support of their loved one

9.00am  Registration

9:30  Welcome: Councillor Anne Bunnell, Deputy Mayor, Townsville City Council

9:45  Why should families be involved in mental health care? Research, evidence and experiences
Hon Rob Knowles – Chair Mental Health Council Australia & President Mental Illness Fellowship Australia

10:15  Why families don’t complain - Graeme Harris.

10:35  ‘When it’s good …’ - Examples of family involvement

11:00  Morning Tea

11:30  The Senate Select Committee Inquiry into Mental Health Services – the Report and Recommendations for Families
Senator Claire Moore, member of Senate Select Committee

12.00pm  Into the Labyrinth – activity with Fiona Goodwin

12:30  Lunch

1:30  Advocating for Change
John Mendoza, CEO Mental Health Council Australia

2:00  Facilitated Discussion

3:00  Afternoon Tea

3:30  Developing recommendations and action strategies

4.30  Survival Laughter – activity with David Bowtell

5.00  Close