



## The national COPMI initiative

### National Reference Group

#### Membership - July 2008

**Chair:** Mr Phil Robinson, Chair, AICAFMHA Board of Directors

**Accountability:** The Reference Group is accountable to the Australian Infant Child Adolescent and Family Mental Health Association (AICAFMHA) Board.

Name	Position	Key Contribution Area
Christie Wallis	National Young Carers Project Co-ordinator, Carers Australia.	National overview of young carer issues, resources and networks.
Adrian Falkov	Deputy Director, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, MH-Kids, NSW	Clinical experience; experience in evaluation of clinical 'copmi' services, development of education and training resources
Angela Obradovic	Chief Social Worker/Family Work Development Coordinator, Northern Area Mental Health Service, VIC	Adult mental health copmi-related workforce development and services. Interagency collaboration at a regional level.
Carly Dolinski	Senior Program Officer, Mental Health Network, Mental Health Division, Department of Health, W.A.	Experience in development of interagency protocols at a state-wide level.
David Hay	Professor of Psychology, School of Psychology, Curtin University, W.A.	Evaluation of 'copmi' initiatives and of relevant workforce development. Extensive knowledge of the literature.
Jennie Parham	Project Manager, Auseinet, SA	Experience working with consumers and carers in the PPEI area. Facilitating networks, exchange of information and PPEI learning's. PPEI workforce development.
Margaret Cook	Mental Health Consumer Consultant, WA	Consumer and carer perspective. Extensive advocacy experience in the field. Links with consumer organizations nationally.
Nick Kowalenko	Clinical Director, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Royal North Shore Hospital, N.S.W.	Clinical and evaluation expertise with 2-8 year olds and their families. Links with beyondblue perinatal and infant mental health program.
Rose Cuff	VicChamps Co-ordinator, Eastern Mental Health Program, Victoria	Experience in service provision for young 'copmi' and their families. Experience in workforce development and consumer and carer participation.
Jane Westley	Coordinator, National Primary Mental Health Care Network Australian General Practice Network, ACT	Links to the National Primary Health Care Network
Bridget Dillon	MHACT COPMI Coordinator, CAMHS, ACT	Mental health and child protection workforce development. Facilitation of interagency linkages-government and NGOs.
Nikki de Bondt	Social Worker, Koping Program Co-ordinator, Child and Youth Mental Health Service, QLD	Clinical and education services and facilitation of multi-agency forum. Strong links with young people, families and service providers.

Jane Austin	Policy Consultant – Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention, Mental Health Services, Tasmania.	Link with statewide pilot program for ‘copmi’. Experienced primary school teacher and radio journalist.
Vicki Cowling	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Hunter New England Area Health Service, Newcastle	Experience in research, conceptualising and developing projects, professional education, publication, consumer and carer advocacy. Strong international links.
Representatives - TBA	Consumer & Carer Advisory Group	Consumer and carer perspective.
Jo Mason	<i>MindMatters.</i>	Links with relevant Australian government funded mental health initiatives.
Brenda Dobia	Representative <i>KidsMatter</i>	
Matt O’Brien	Representative <i>headspace</i>	
Margaret Young	National President and representative of Early Childhood Australia (acting as COPMI National Family Forum representative until selection of new representatives)	Links with early childhood sector (services, researchers, planners etc.).
Pam Linke	President, Australian Association for Infant Mental Health & representative for Niftey (National Initiative for the Early Years)	Links with infant mental health and parenting sector.
Janne McMahon	Representative Private mental Health Alliance (PMHA)	Links to private sector service providers and workforce.
Barbara Hocking	Representative SANE	Advocacy, awareness raising, links with community.
Michelle Swallow	Representative NGO mental health services	Links to NGO services planning delivering and evaluating services for ‘copmi’ and families.
Stanford Harrison (or his representative)	Director, Children and Youth Mental Health Programs Section	Representative of the Department of Health and Ageing