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**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

| Release   | Comments   |
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| Release 1 | <p>This version was released in <i>CHC Community Services Training Package release 2.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages.</p> <p>Merged CHCMH301C/CHCMH411A. Significant changes to performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment including volume and frequency requirements.</p> |

## Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be evidence that the candidate has:

- worked with at least 3 people with mental health issues in ways that support individual empowerment and recovery through:
  - use of communication techniques
  - provision and adaptation of services to meet particular needs

## Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively do the task outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage the task and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- legal and ethical considerations (international, national, state/territory, local) when working with people with mental health issues, and how these are applied in organisations and individual practice:
  - children in the workplace
  - codes of practice
  - discrimination
  - dignity of risk
  - duty of care
  - human rights
  - informed consent

- mandatory reporting
- privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
- policy frameworks
- records management
- rights and responsibilities of workers, employers and individuals
- specific mental health legislation – impact on individual workers and consequences of breaches
- work role boundaries – responsibilities and limitations
- work health and safety
- values and principles of the mental health sector, including:
  - recovery
  - recovery oriented practice
  - health promotion and prevention
  - holistic approach
  - empowerment/disempowerment
  - access and equity
  - early intervention
  - rights
  - social justice and inclusion
  - citizenship
- different contexts of mental health work, including:
  - historical context, changing attitudes to mental health and approaches to working with people with mental health issues
  - social context, changing societal views of mental health and approaches to working with people
  - political context, government policies and initiatives affecting the mental health sector
  - economic context, the current economic situation as it relates to and affects the mental health sector and the subsequent impact on people
- impact of own attitudes on working with people with mental health issues
- key issues facing people with mental health illnesses, including impact of prejudice and discrimination
- myths and facts about mental illness
- types of mental illness
- existing services to address a person's needs and rights
- appropriate responses to changes in mental health, mental distress and crisis
- circumstances in which referral to a health or other professional is appropriate

## Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions. Where simulation is used, it must reflect real working conditions by modelling industry operating conditions and contingencies, as well as, using suitable facilities, equipment and resources.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e0c25cc-3d9d-4b43-80d3-bd22cc4f1e53>