



Psychiatric Disability Services of Victoria (VICSERV)

VICSERV PDRSS Policy and Research Network

Terms of reference

VICSERV is a member organization and is the peak body for Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation and Support (PDRS) Services in Victoria.

VICSERV operates a number of networks, for members and the wider PDRS sector.

The purpose of the Policy and Research Network is to:

- Contribute to the development of best practice research standards within the Victorian PDRS sector
- Support collaborative research within the sector through the sharing of information and resources and the development of joint funding submissions
- Facilitate partnerships across the sector for project and policy development
- Facilitate half yearly research forums for staff with an interest in policy and research in the sector
- Advocate on behalf of the PDRS sector to be included in state and federal research agendas and receive adequate funding to undertake research
- Provide guidance and information to VICSERV on key and emerging policy and research issues

Membership: The Policy and Research Network is targeted to staff in the PDRS sector with an interest in policy and research.

Other relevant persons may be invited to attend meetings for specific purposes.

Chair:

The Policy and Research Network meetings are chaired by the VICSERV Policy and Research Manager or by a nominated member.

Accountability:

All VICSERV networks are accountable to the VICSERV Committee of Management via the CEO.

VICSERV supports the network by:

- Inviting agenda items prior to each meeting
- Drafting and circulating an agenda one week prior to the meeting
- Notifying members of meetings
- Distributing the minutes of the meeting to Network members
- Promotion of Networks within the sector

Meetings

To be held quarterly, unless advised.

Linkages:

- Pathways to Social Inclusion (VICSERV research papers)
- VICSERV Graduate Seminar Series

Review:

The TOR of the Policy and Research Network will be reviewed annually in July. Next review: July 2010.