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#### **TERM OF OFFICE:**

**3 years**

#### **TIMELINE:**

**Start up: December 2020**

Working Period: 6 activity periods of 6 months during the beginning triennium with a brief activity report at the end of each activity period

#### **Finalization: Outcome products:**

The Working Group (WG) on Developing Partnerships with Service Users and Family Carers will work on its WPA web appearance in terms of accessibility and utility for visitors of the WPA website.

The Working Group on Developing Partnerships with Service Users and Family Carers will organise sessions and contribute to WPA World and other Congresses and Events

The Working Group on Developing Partnerships with Service Users and Family Carers will prepare a Position Statement on the value of different forms of involvement as well as requirements for real and meaningful involvement of and partnerships with persons with lived experience as service users and family carers. The WG will offer a review of relevant existing WPA position papers from the lived experience and human rights perspective.

The WG will provide Guidelines for member societies on Developing Partnerships with Service Users and Family Carers in a meaningful way.

The Working Group on Developing Partnerships with Service Users and Family Carers will prepare a written statement on its offer of advice to all WPA components on Developing Partnerships with Service Users and Family Carers as set out in the current WPA Madrid Declaration (<https://www.wpanet.org/current-madrid-declaration>) and the work plan of this group in accordance with the current human rights situation and resulting requirements.

Specifically, e.g. the Working Group will offer advice to WPA meetings on how best to involve service users and family carers in their scientific programs in a meaningful way. An international Speakers' Bureau on salient topics will be comprised (Outcome product). In addition, the Global Mental Health Peer Network will liaise its 31 (and growing) member states with WPA regional meeting organizers.

The WG will provide expert comments on educational materials of modules available on the learning management system (LMS) and develop and suggest educational materials that can be organised into modules for access through the LMS to WPA members.

Other and early outcome products will be:

- Recommendations of educational materials for psychiatrists
- On developing partnerships with service users and family carers
- On recovery-oriented mental health work
- On human rights-based Mental Health interventions
- On Peer Support in Mental Health
- Videos with testimonials of lived experience.

The Working Group will make suggestions on how a sustainable advisory capacity of service users and family carers can be implemented in WPA allowing continuous Development of Partnerships with Service Users and Family Carers (Outcome product).