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Frank Quinlan appointed as CEO of Mental Health Council of Australia

Frank Quinlan has been appointed as the new CEO of the Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA), the peak NGO representing the mental health sector in Australia.

Frank Quinlan was formerly the Executive Director of Catholic Social Services Australia and has also held senior positions with the Australian Medical Association, the General Practice Computing Group, Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia and the Australian Drug Foundation. Mr Quinlan has also been a Youth Worker.

"The MHCA Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Frank Quinlan as the new CEO. He has an outstanding record of advancing, advocating and promoting areas of social service and policy," said MHCA Chair, the Hon Rob Knowles.

"At a time when mental health is at the forefront of policy and political debate, Frank's acumen and ability to work with stakeholders and mental health consumers and carers will be a major asset to the MHCA and the mental health sector."

Frank Quinlan said, "I have spent my working life trying to advance the common good."

"The Mental Health Council of Australia has played a pivotal role in advocating for better mental health services for all Australians, and I hope to make a valuable contribution to the organisation's continued pursuit of better public policies and programs."

Frank Quinlan commences at MHCA on 27 April 2011.

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