



## OUR TEAM



**Dr Maddy Phillips**  
A/ Centre Director  
(B.A. Hons Psych., Doctor  
of Philosophy in Clinical  
Psychology)

I bring to QCMHL many years of experience working as a social science researcher, clinical psychologist and manager. In many of my work roles I have designed and delivered training and education programs for staff. I also have worked as a lecturer at university for 7 years and taught Training and Development subjects and a range of Mental Health subjects.

I commenced work at QCMHL in August 2006 as part of the implementation team. I have watched the team grow from 4 staff to over thirty-five in the past 3 years. My key goal for 2009 is to develop more collaborative working relationships with mental health clinicians, educators, consumers and carers with respect to the development and review of the Centre's training and education programs. If you wish to contact me directly, I am co-located across both the QCMHL Central Area Hub (Butterfield Street) and the Southern Hub at The Park Centre for Mental Health.

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**Bretine Curtis**  
Statewide Projects Manager

Prior to working in Queensland Health, I gained clinical experience working in the UK in Aged Care as well as working as a social worker in a commonwealth department.

In the mid 1990's I commenced permanent employment for Queensland Health. I have worked extensively in both acute and continuing care in mental health, as a practitioner and a senior social worker in inpatient and community service settings. During this time I also gained social worker experience in the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit settings. I then gained several years of corporate experience working as the senior project officer for the then Southern Zone Management Unit where I was responsible for closely liaising with the Health Service Districts of the Southern Zone in the implementation of mental health policy reform. In 2005 I returned to the districts and joined the Division of Mental Health (PAH), as the Shared Care Coordinator and then later as the Safety Quality and Information Manager.

I am passionate about improving consumer care through education and training. I am also committed to assisting clinicians to build on their existing skills in offering recovery-oriented service provision. I commenced at QCMHL at the beginning of 2008 and in leading the state-wide projects and business teams continue to work towards our goal of developing an



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integrated approach to the coordination and delivery of high priority state-wide training strategies. I am looking forward to leading the statewide projects team in developing and conducting education and training packages throughout the state.

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**Jan Parr**  
Program Director  
(B.Psych. M Applied Psych (Clinical), Grad Dip Management, M Primary Health Care)

I have worked for Queensland Health as a clinician, manager, director and a researcher since 1979. I commenced work at QCMHL in October 2007 as the Manager of the Research and Information Management Team. My primary role is to develop, implement and publish high quality research and information management activities related to mental health education at a state-wide level. I work closely with the curriculum design team and the statewide projects team to design evaluation methodology for the range of training programs undertaken by QCMHL.

My key goal for 2008 is to ensure that QCMHL is able to effectively and efficiently evaluate the training provided to mental health practitioners throughout Queensland.

I am currently based at our Southern Hub at The Park Centre for Mental Health. You can contact me via email [Jan\\_Parr@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Jan_Parr@health.qld.gov.au) or call me on 3271 8830



**Paul Brennan**  
Business Systems Manager

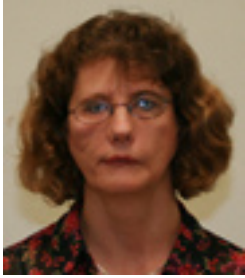
I commenced as the Business Systems Manager for QCMHL in July 2007, with responsibility for the development and implementation of high quality operational and strategic business systems and processes to enable the Centre to function efficiently.

In recent years I have held a number of management positions in Queensland Health, including: Manager for Contracts Services, Supply Manager in West Moreton South Burnett Health Services District; Contracts Manager for North Queensland; Supply Manager, Far North Queensland; and Community Health Facilities Manager.

I am looking forward to my continuing involvement in the ongoing evolution of QCMHL, particularly in regard to the development of its statewide role, innovative operational models and partnership arrangements.

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**Amanda Renger**  
Curriculum Manager  
Masters of Counselling, BA  
Social Science (youth and  
addiction studies)

Hi, my name is Amanda Renger. I am currently the Acting Curriculum Manager at the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Learning. I have worked for over 18 years in various community and government agencies. These have included: Coordinator at Lifeline Community Care, Resource Worker at Dept Family Services, Manager at The Mental Health Association, Supports Facilitator with Disability Services QLD and Community Development Worker with Ipswich City Council. Within these roles I have supported consumers with disabilities, mental illness and youth/young mothers at risk of homelessness.

I have experience with coordinating and delivering both accredited and non-accredited training programs, including the nationally endorsed Certificate IV in Mental Health Work (non-clinical). I believe that there is a great need to offer mental health staff training and development opportunities, and my passion is to see people reach their full potential and develop skills that will benefit the consumers they work with.

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**Michelle Coleman**  
Acting Manager  
(Research & Information  
Management) - (B.Sc. Grad  
Dip, Psych)

My initial work for Queensland Health was in a clinical research capacity on a project which examined the Genetics of Schizophrenia. This was followed in 2007 by my commencement as a Researcher with QCMHL. I have an extensive scientific and research background, I have worked both in the private and public sector as a scientist/researcher since 1996.

I moved onto an evaluation project for the Queensland Plan for Mental Health 2007 – 2017, and was instrumental in putting together a framework to evaluate the overall success of the plan. I then managed an evaluation of Queensland Mental Health Service provision, which looked at service provision from multiple perspectives (people with a lived experience of a mental illness, carers / family members and mental health service providers).

I have returned to QCMHL in 2009 as Manager of the Research and Information Management Team. My role is to develop, implement and publish high quality research, evaluation and information management activities related to mental health education at a state-wide level. I work closely with the curriculum design and the state-wide projects teams to design evaluation methodology for the range of training programs undertaken by QCMHL. My key goal for 2009 is to ensure that QCMHL continues to effectively and efficiently evaluate the training provided to mental health practitioners throughout Queensland. I am currently based at our



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