Application for Consumer representative on Queensland Health’s Sexual Health Network Steering Committee

**Closing date: Monday 12th August**

Clinical Excellence Queensland, Queensland Health

Clinical Excellence Queensland (CEQ) is recruiting a consumer representative on the newly established Sexual Health Network Steering Committee.

As part of the Queensland Department of Health, CEQ partners with health services, clinicians and consumers to drive measurable improvements in patient care through its continual pursuit of excellence. Please see the website (<https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/index.php/>) for further information about CEQ.

Purpose

The Sexual Health Network is a group of health professionals and consumers that collaborate based on shared goals. The network aims to:

* Guide local and statewide quality improvement reform in sexual health services
* Enable new models of care to be shared across geographical areas
* Support sexual health clinical guideline and policy development
* Act as an enabler to implement change based on current evidence-based sexual heath practice
* Enable clinicians to work together to develop and test innovative models to improve services
* Provide a platform to share challenges and successes to co-design sexual health services with consumers

The wider network is open to all interested people working in sexual health across Queensland. The steering committee is a smaller group of approximately 15 members that have been elected to guide network activities. The committee is led by 2 co-chairs (medical and nursing) and supported by a coordinator.

The steering committee and the network have only recently been established and are in the process of determining their priority areas. The first body of work is to conduct a service mapping activity so that we can better understand the current status of publicly funded sexual health services in Queensland.

Current membership of the committee includes sexual health doctors, sexual health nurses, public health nurses, pharmacists, sexual health researchers and an indigenous health worker.

Role of the consumer

Within the committee, the role of the consumer will vary depending on the current priority in focus, but will include providing information and feedback to the group from a consumer perspective and providing direct advice to inform decisions and recommendations made by the committee.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit a consumer who has accessed a publicly funded sexual health clinic in Queensland for assessment or treatment, ideally in the last 5 years. Consumers from throughout Queensland are encouraged to apply.

Time and location

Steering committee meetings are held quarterly on a Friday for a full day. All meetings are face to face and held in Herston, Brisbane

In addition, an annual full day forum will be held later in 2019 at a date and location to be confirmed.

All members of the committee, including the consumer representative, will be reviewed after 12 months and an application process may be repeated. Rejuvenation of the committee and allowing opportunities for membership to be shared across the sexual health community is viewed positively, as it allows different voices to be heard.

Remuneration and Support

Consumers will be remunerated for their time in line with [Health Consumers Queensland’s remuneration position statement](http://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Consumer-Remuneration-Rates-Dec-2015.pdf).

Remuneration will be provided as follows:

* $187 per meeting 4 hours and under
* $374 per meeting 4 hours and over

Parking can be arranged in advance at no cost to the consumer. All meeting paperwork will be printed out for the consumer and will be provided at the meeting.

Should the successful consumer live outside South East Queensland, travel assistance (including flights and accommodation, depending on the consumer’s location) will be provided in accordance with Queensland Health travel rules.

The network coordinator will provide orientation and ongoing support for the successful consumer representative, including pre- and post-meeting briefings.

How to apply

Please complete this application form and return to[consumer@hcq.org.au](mailto:consumer@hcq.org.au)by close of business Monday 12 August 2019

For assistance please contact Health Consumers Queensland via [consumer@hcq.org.au](mailto:consumer@hcq.org.au) or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

Application for: Steering Committee member, Future of Healthcare Queensland project

Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

* By completing this application, I consent for my details to be added to the Health Consumers Queensland network database YES | NO
* I would like to receive email updates from Health Consumers Queensland YES | NO
* Are you happy for Health Consumers Queensland to share this form with Queensland Health as part of the process for this application? YES | NO
* Would you like us to retain this application for future vacancies? *(Applications not retained are destroyed once the application process is complete.)* YES | NO

Please highlight any group you identify as being a part of:

* Living with a disability/chronic condition
* Caring for someone with a disability
* Physically isolated or transport disadvantaged
* Culturally or linguistically diverse
* From a non-English speaking background

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state

Are you a: Consumer | Carer

Age range: 18-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

Please describe any support you need to take part in this activity *(examples include support person, hearing loop, dietary requirements)*

*Your responses to the following questions only need to be a brief sentence or two*

* Please describe any lived experience that would enable you to contribute as a consumer representative for the Sexual Health Network Steering Committee. For example, experience as a patient accessing Queensland Health Sexual Health Clinics.

*Tip: Past consumer representative positions that have similar requirements to the opportunity you’re expressing interest in. Give an indication of how long each position was for, and any relevant highlights.*

* Please describe any connections you have to your community.

*Tip: Examples of community connections might include special interest groups, online communities, local associations.*

* Please describe your interest in Queensland Health’s Sexual Health Network Steering Committee and what you would like the Committee to focus on.

*Tip: Although this section usually requires the longest response, try to keep it concise. Things to consider focusing on here include:*

* *any past lived experience that shows your understanding of the topic, or*
* *your understanding of the social/health/economic implications of the topic/condition, or*
* *Any systems change that you have identified that will improve care for health consumers, and possible strategies you could share to affect that change.*
* Please provide contact details for a staff member from a health service or department you are currently partnering with. *We will advise if you are shortlisted before we contact your referee.*

Full name:

Staff Role:

Partnering Activity (eg name of Committee):

Organisation:

Phone number:

Email:

Applicant’s Role: