Application for Telehealth Seed Funding Assessment Panel

Closing date: Monday, 16 September 2019

Queensland Health- Clinical Excellence Queensland

**Clinical Excellence Queensland’s (CEQ) Telehealth Support Unit is recruiting one consumer representative to participate in an independent panel to assess applications for the 2019-2021 Telehealth Seed Funding round.**

The Telehealth Support Unit sits within CEQ’s Healthcare Improvement Unit (HIU). HIU works collaboratively with Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) to explore and implement new and innovative models of care which improve access to healthcare. HIU works closely with clinicians and health service managers to improve the capacity and efficiency of public hospitals in Queensland. The Telehealth Support Unit enables telehealth services across Hospital and Health Services through the provision of tools, support and technical capability necessary to deliver a range of healthcare services to the people of Queensland.

Purpose

Our vision is to embed telehealth into everyday services as an accepted way of delivering healthcare to all Queenslanders. The Telehealth Support Unit is calling for applications for non-recurrent funding to assist HHSs in designing healthcare services that use telehealth to give people the option of receiving treatment at home instead of the hospital.

Specifically, the objective of the funding round is to collaborate with HHSs to explore the potential clinical and financial benefits of delivering increased levels of care to patients in their homes through remote patient monitoring.

Remote patient monitoring is technology that enables the monitoring of patients outside the traditional hospital setting.

Makeup of the Panel

We are seeking panel members with a variety of backgrounds and experience. A health consumer perspective is regarded as an essential component of this panel.

The panel will consist of seven members with each nominee representing one of the following areas:

* eHealth Queensland
* Prevention Division
* Healthcare Purchasing
* Rural Primary Care
* The Office of the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
* The Healthcare Improvement Unit
* Health Consumer Representative

Each panel member has been invited specifically for their inter-personal and communication skills and we anticipate a friendly and informal atmosphere. The Telehealth Support Unit team will provide consultative expert advice to the panel throughout the assessment process. The process will be coordinated via a series of regular support meetings. The Telehealth Support Unit team will also be available for out of session discussion as needed.

Role of the consumer

The role of the consumer will be to participate in the panel’s activities including scoring the applications, attending the panel briefing meetings, and contacting other panel members and/or the Telehealth Support Unit team out of session when further discussion is required.

Who would this opportunity suit?

This opportunity would suit consumers who are confident to actively participate in group discussion combined with the ability to work individually.

While not essential, it would be useful to have some understanding of technology (particularly telehealth and tele-communications) OR previous experience of healthcare access issues or managing chronic disease at home.

Time and location

The assessment period is expected to run over approximately two weeks in October, aiming for completion by the Friday 25th October. The number of panel briefing meetings is yet to be determined however we anticipate a maximum of 2-3 occasions.

The meetings will be held in the Healthcare Improvement Unit at 15 Butterfield St, Herston in Brisbane with videoconferencing available.

The Telehealth Portal facilitates videoconferencing into Queensland Health from people’s homes or workplace, meaning consumers outside of the Brisbane metropolitan area are eligible to apply.

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). $187 per meeting (4 hours and under). Parking and travel expenses will be covered*.*

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**Due to the temporary nature and short duration of the panel process, airfares and accommodation reimbursement is not included.**

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to**consumer@hcq.org.au by Monday, 16 September 2019

For assistance please contact Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

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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: 16-24 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 your experience as a health consumer representative including committees, focus groups, surveys, governance roles, etc.

*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 (e.g. networks, groups)***Tip: Think about how this relates to the role you’re applying for.*
* Please describe your interest in this topic

*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.*