Application for Consumer Representative

Statewide Rehabilitation Clinical Network

Steering Committee

Closing date: 5pm Monday 22 June 2020

Queensland Department of Health – Clinical Excellence Queensland

The Statewide Rehabilitation Clinical Network (SRbCN) is seeking one (1) consumer with a lived experience of disability and rehabilitation to join the membership of the network steering committee.

Rehabilitation services have become increasingly important in healthcare due to a greater focus on the needs of people with disability, the effects of an ageing population, and medical advancements that lead to improvements in survival rates and life expectancy for people with serious illness and injury. Rehabilitation services remain fundamental in enhancing peoples’ functional independence, life participation and play an integral role in patient flow across the health care continuum.

As the peak body of expertise in Queensland, the statewide clinical networks serve as an independent point of reference, for clinicians, Hospital and Health services, and the Department of Health. The statewide clinical networks guide quality improvement reform and support clinical policy development, emphasizing evidence based practice and clinical consensus to guide implementation, optimisation and provision of high quality patient focused health care.

Purpose

The SRbCN was established in 2015 to engage the growing number of rehabilitation physicians, allied health and nursing professionals working in rehabilitation services.

The purpose of the SRbCN Steering Committee is to:

* provide direction and leadership to the SRbCN regarding the continuing development of rehabilitation services and evidenced based rehabilitation in Queensland.
* provide expertise, direction and advice to the Queensland Health executive in relation to rehabilitation and rehabilitation services.

Key areas of committee’s work include:

* Support and advocate for rehabilitation and sub-acute services during COVID-19 and beyond.
* Strengthening consumer engagement in rehabilitation services.
* Enhancing rehabilitation goal setting practices in Queensland by exploring and developing resources to support best practice goal setting with consumers.
* Strengthening the provision of rehabilitation services for adult and paediatric patients through improved integration and continuity of care.
* Support implementation of the Statewide adult brain injury rehabilitation health service plan 2016-2026 and the Statewide adult spinal cord injury health service plan 2016-2026.
* Strengthen Queensland Health Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre (AROC) data collection and support benchmarking initiatives.
* Improve communication and the visibility of rehabilitation services, their programs and achievements within Queensland.

The SRbCN Steering Committee represents the broader membership and assists the Clinical Chairs to administer and lead the network. The Steering Committee is made-up of multidisciplinary clinicians and includes a GP and Consumer representative. SRbCN Terms of Reference are available on request by emailing [Statewide\_Rehab\_Network@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Statewide_Rehab_Network@health.qld.gov.au).

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicant will be to attend Steering Committee meetings and to actively participate in steering committee activities such as pre-meeting reading, discussions, provision of feedback and advice. Participate in network forums as required (mode of delivery may be virtual or in person).

The consumer role is to:

* receive information
* provide information and feedback to the group
* provide direct advice to inform decisions and
* provide feedback to influence future solutions.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit a consumer representative with lived experience of disability and rehabilitation. Having some committee experience, either at the Hospital and Health Service, or Statewide level would assist with the role, however this is not essential. As this is a statewide opportunity, we welcome consumer representatives to apply from outside of South East Queensland.

Time and location

Steering committee meetings are held every 6 weeks (approximately). There are 8 meetings scheduled in 2020. Refer to attached meeting schedule for meeting dates/times. Meetings are currently being held by virtual mode of delivery such as Microsoft Teams. Free onsite parking can be arranged on request (if booked in advance) for steering committee meeting attendance in person.

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). Parking and travel expenses will be covered if required.

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to**[**consumer@hcq.org.au**](mailto:consumer@hcq.org.au) **by 5pm Monday 22 June 2020.** For assistance please contact Health Consumers Queensland via [consumer@hcq.org.au](mailto:consumer@hcq.org.au) or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

**Consumer Application Form**

**Statewide Rehabilitation Clinical Network**

**Steering Committee**

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

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
* LGBTIQ+

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+

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| **Gender:** |  Male | Female | Intersex | Other | Prefer not to state |

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 rehabilitation? *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. Committee Chair):

Organisation:

Phone number:

Email:

Applicant Role: