Application for Consumer Representatives:

Better Health North Queensland Alliance

Committee Member

Closing date: Monday 27 July 5pm

Better Health North Queensland Alliance

**The Better Health North Queensland Alliance would like to invite two (2) health consumer representatives from North Queensland to join the strategic governing committee to inform and shape decisions to achieve their vision of Northern Queenslanders being as healthy as all Queenslanders.**

Better Health North Queensland is a collaboration between the five North Queensland Hospital and Health Services; North West HHS, Torres and Cape HHS, Cairns and Hinterland HHS, Townsville HHS, Mackay HHS and other key partners working to improve the health of Northern Queenslanders.

Purpose

The purpose of the Better Health NQ Alliance is to support the vision that ‘Northern Queenslanders will be as healthy as all Queenslanders’.

In partnership with consumers and carers, the Better Health North Queensland Alliance has a commitment to delivering healthcare differently by;

* Investing in prevention and primary healthcare
* Providing earlier and improved access to services
* Empowering our communities to live a better, healthier life.

It is anticipated that this strategic approach, will result in a system and service aligned northern region.

The principal function of the Alliance is to oversee the implementation of the Better Health NQ Master Service Plan (see separate document) and improve the health outcomes of northern residents by undertaking a collective approach to planning, designing, alliancing and commissioning of health services.

Members are:

* Health Service Chief Executive, Mackay Hospital and Health Service
* Health Service Chief Executive, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service
* Health Service Chief Executive, North West Hospital and Health Service
* Health Service Chief Executive, Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service
* Health Service Chief Executive, Townsville Hospital and Health Service
* Chief Executive Officer, Northern Queensland Primary Health Network
* Chief Executive & General Manager, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council
* Deputy Director-General (DDG), Clinical Excellence Division, Queensland Health
* DDG, Healthcare Purchasing and System Performance Division, Queensland Health
* Assistant DDG, Strategy, Policy and Planning Division, Queensland Health
* Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council
* Two consumer representatives

See Terms of Reference.

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicant will be to attend all Steering Committee meetings and to actively participate in all Steering Committee activities such as pre-meeting reading, discussions, provision of feedback and advice.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit a consumer or carer representative who:

* Has at least 6 months’ committee experience, either at the Hospital and Health Service, or Statewide level.
* Are living in North Queensland: Mackay, Cairns, Torres and Cape, North West or Townsville
* Has an interest or a lived experience or caring for someone with a complex and/or chronic disease and rural and remote health.

We welcome people living in rural and remote areas and Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander consumer representatives to apply.

Time and location

Meetings take place bi-monthly on the second Monday from 2.00 – 4.00 PM via videoconference.

14 September 2020

09 November 2020

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.

Support and information will be provided by the secretariat of the committee.

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au**by **Monday 27 July 5pm.**

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

**Consumer Application Form**

**Consumer Representative Better Health North Queensland Alliance**

**Committee Member**

Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

Which Hospital and Health Service do you reside in?

* Mackay Hospital and Health Service
* Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service
* North West Hospital and Health Service
* Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service
* Townsville Hospital and Health Service
* 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 working with the North Queensland Alliance Committee to improve the health of Northern Queenslanders? *(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.)*
* Would you be interested in being a part of future working groups or other engagement activities in relation to this project if the opportunity arises?
* Yes, very interested
* No, thanks only want to be a part of the committee

* 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: