Lived Experience Representatives for Focus Group: Informing a new plan for Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drug Services in Queensland

Closing date: 5pm, Friday 19th June 2020

Queensland Department of Health

**The Department of Health is providing a unique opportunity for several health consumer representatives with a lived experience of mental health, alcohol or other drug issues to participate in a facilitated focus group to inform a new five-year plan for mental health alcohol and other drug services in Queensland**. **The focus group will discuss the draft vision, guiding principles, objectives and themes for the new plan.**

The new five-year plan will follow the end of the existing plan*, Connecting Care to Recovery 2016-2021: A plan for Queensland’s state funded mental health, alcohol and other drug services*.

(see: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/465131/connecting-care.pdf>).

The new plan will continue to focus on and build on the work commenced through Connecting Care to Recovery, including:

* Enhancing treatment services in the community
* Building community bed-based services and models that divert people from hospital and the Emergency Department
* Enhancing community support services delivered by non-government organisations and
* Establishing new mental health, alcohol and other drug models of service including crisis response services.

Purpose

This focus group consultation is an initial opportunity for people with lived experience, carers, and consumers of mental health and alcohol and other drug services, to participate in and inform the development of a new mental health alcohol and other drugs plan.

Local consumers and carers of mental health and alcohol and other drug services across the State will be further involved in consultations planned with Hospital and Health Services, Primary Health Networks, non-government organisations, sector representatives and other stakeholder groups.

The involvement of people with a lived experience in the health system is outlined and defined in the Lived Experience Engagement and Participation Strategy 2018-2021

(see: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0032/812984/leep-strategy.pdf>).

Role of the lived experience representative

The role of the successful applicants for the consultation focus group will be:

* to attend a two-hour virtual workshop
* to provide information as a lived experience representative
* to provide advice and feedback to inform decisions about the vision, guiding principles and objectives of a new plan for mental health alcohol and other drug services.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit consumer or carer representatives with:

* a lived experience of mental health, alcohol or other drug issues
* knowledge or experience of health services either at the Hospital and Health Service, or in community settings.

Time and location

The focus group will be held on **Friday 26 June 2020, from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.**

The focus group will be conducted on a virtual platform, Microsoft Teams. Representatives will be provided with information to allow them to access this software on their home computer, tablet or phone.

Remuneration and Support

Lived experience representatives 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 (\*Covers pre-reading)

Consumers who require mental health support or assistance in order to participate will be available on the day and after the focus group if needed.

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au** **by Friday 19th June 2020.**

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

**Application Form**

**Lived experience representatives**

**Informing a new plan for Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drug Services in Queensland**

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 |Person with lived experience

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 participating in the focus group to inform the new five-year plan for mental health alcohol and other drug services in Queensland Mental health? *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: