Join the Rural and Remote Digital Healthcare Committee

As digital healthcare is set to transform the way health care is delivered and experienced in rural and remote locations across Queensland, this is your opportunity to provide advice on the strategy and speak up for your communities about what matters most.

Closing date: 9am Friday, 26 February 2021

eHealth Queensland

**eHealth Queensland are seeking two (2) consumer representatives to join the membership of the Rural and Remote Digital Healthcare Committee to provide advice on the priority and selection of initiatives for the digital enablement of rural and remote healthcare across Queensland.**

[eHealth Queensland](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/innovation/digital-health-initiatives/queensland) enables the delivery of health services to the community, supporting the information technology needs of the State’s 16 Hospital and Health Services and the Department of Health.

Purpose

The Rural and Remote Digital Healthcare Committee (The Committee) is the statewide peak body that will provide strategic advice on initiatives that use digital/technology to help clinicians as they carry out their jobs and help consumers to access healthcare when and where they need across Queensland. This includes initiatives in the Digital Strategy for Rural and Remote Healthcare (The Strategy). (The Strategy is approved and will be released shortly).

The Committee fulfils a key role by undertaking the following functions:

* Provide advice and feedback on initiatives related to the digital enablement of rural and remote healthcare in Queensland.
* Discuss and review future issues impacting the implementation of the Digital Strategy for Rural and Remote Healthcare.
* Discuss and review Investment Concept Briefs and Business Cases for future activities and projects related to the Digital Strategy for Rural and Remote Healthcare
* Promote awareness of the Digital Strategy for Rural and Remote Healthcare and the opportunities it provides.
* Review risks and issues that may impact the Rural and Remote Digital Healthcare Committee’s responsibilities and functions.

Committee membership includes Chief Executives from Rural and Remote Hospital and Health Services, representatives from Primary Health Networks, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Division, Office Rural and Remote Health, chairs from the Rural and Remote Clinical Network and executive leadership from eHealth Queensland.

The Terms of Reference are available upon request.

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicant will be required to:

* attend all Steering Committee meetings and provide the consumer perspective and experience
* 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 representative:

* With at least 12 months committee experience either at the Hospital and Health Service, or Statewide level.
* who lives (or has recently lived or cared for someone) within a rural and remote location who has had some experience in accessing healthcare.

Access to a computer and reliable internet service would be ideal as meetings are held via videoconference.

Time and location

Committee Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and are scheduled for one hour, with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 1st, 2020.

As this is a statewide committee, meetings are accessible virtually and will require the participant to have access to a computer or smart phone with videoconference capability and suitable network bandwidth.

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 not be covered, as meetings are conducted virtually.

$187 per meeting 4 hours and under \* (\*Covers pre-reading and travel time)

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au**by **9am Friday, 26 February 2021.**

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

**Consumer Application Form**

Rural and Remote Digital Healthcare 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 rural and remote digital healthcare? *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.*

*Referee Section*

* 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: