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**Expression of Interest**

***Antimicrobial Resistance Statewide Strategy – Focus Group***

**Closing date: Close of business on Thursday 16 May**

Queensland Health

**The Chief Medical Officer and Healthcare Regulation Branch (CMOHRB) is recruiting consumers to be part of two one-time focus groups to provide input for the development of a strategy for Queensland’s response to the problem of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).**

The CMOHRB is part of the Prevention Division of Queensland Health. The CMOHRB is responsible for providing strategic advice on matters related to review of healthcare legislation and policy, medication management services, medical workforce and medical recruitment campaigns, credentialing, private facilities, Schools of Anatomy, drugs and drug approvals, blood, human tissues and related products.

**What is antimicrobial resistance?**

Antimicrobial resistance occurs when, over time, microorganisms (such as bacteria, fungi and viruses) become resistant to antimicrobial medicines (such as antibiotics, antifungals and antivirals). This means they become harder to treat, and sometimes the medicine doesn’t work. This can result in serious problems in treating infections, leading to increased sickness and death. The strategy being created aims to put programs of work in place to prevent and contain antimicrobial resistance. Here is a link to a video that explains antimicrobial resistance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9QsseZDYsQ>

Purpose

The purpose of the focus groups is to gain insights from a varied group of health consumers and carers on issues that affect them surrounding antibiotic-resistant infections and the use of antibiotics.

Each focus group will consist of up to 8 consumers and will be facilitated.

Role of the consumer

Consumers will receive information to read prior to the focus group and will participate in the focus group, providing information and feedback to the group. The input provided at the focus group may be used to inform the implementation of the statewide strategy for antimicrobial resistance.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit consumers from all types of backgrounds. It would be valuable if the consumer can recall a time when they needed treatment for an infection for themselves, someone they care for, or even for an animal (as this relates to animals as well). Infections could include: coughs, colds, ear infections, wound infections, other infections that have needed treatment.

Consumers who are immune-suppressed or have multiple health problems might also like to attend to bring many perspectives to the conversation.

We are keen to hear from people across Queensland so we have arranged for a videoconference to hear the views of people living in regional, rural and remote Queensland.

Time and location

Two one-time focus groups to be held 23 May 2019**.**

1. 9:30am to 11:00am at a location in the inner eastern suburbs of Brisbane. Public transport options are available to the location. There is off-street parking available at the location.
2. 12:00pm to 1:30pm via videoconference.

Remuneration and Support

Consumers will be remunerated $100 for participating in this focus group and for one-hour of pre-reading to prepare. Cost of public transport or parking will be reimbursed up to $50 per consumer (please keep copies of receipts).

How to apply

**Please complete the expression of interest form on the following pages and return to Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au.**

For assistance completing this Expression of Interest, please contact Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

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| **Personal details** |
| Full name:  |
| Phone number:  |
| Email: |
| 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 that 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
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|  **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+ |
| **I would like to apply to participate in the following focus group:** |
| 9:30am to 11:00am, face-to-face in Brisbane | 12:00pm to 1:30pm via videoconference |
| **Other needs and requirements** |
| Is there anything that will help you participate in this activity more fully? | Yes | No |
| *If yes, please provide details eg disability support worker, interpreter, closed captioning, hearing loop, central position to enable better hearing, etc.*  |

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| *Your responses to the following questions only need to be a brief sentence or two.* |
| Please describe any experience (if any) as a health consumer representative including committees, focus groups, surveys, governance roles, etc. |
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| Please describe any connections you have to your community (e.g. networks, groups) |
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| Please describe your interest in resistance to antibiotics and/or antimicrobial resistance |
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