Youth Residential Rehabilitation Service Advisory Committee Member

Closing date: Friday, 10 January 2020

Queensland Health

**The Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch (MHAODB), Clinical Excellence Queensland of Health is seeking one mental health consumer representative and one carer representative to participate as members on the Youth Residential Rehabilitation Service (YRRS) Advisory Committee (the Committee).**

**We are seeking expressions of interests from:**

* **A consumer with a lived experience of accessing a Youth Residential Rehabilitation Service or other child and youth mental health service in Queensland Health.**
* **A carer with a lived experience of caring for a person who has accessed** **Youth Residential Rehabilitation Service or other child and youth mental health service in Queensland Health.**

What is the Youth Residential Rehabilitation Service (YRRS)

The YRRS offers extended (up to 12 months) residential and rehabilitation support for young people aged 16-21 years with severe and complex mental illness impacting on their capacity to live independently in the community.

It is aimed at young people who require additional support and life skills to transition back to the family, community or independent living and are likely to benefit from extended care in a rehabilitative and residential environment in the community, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The YRRS operates as a collaborative and integrated model and supports active engagement with a range of service providers to meet the mental health and well-being needs of the young person. Strong links are maintained with local Hospital and Health Services and other clinical and non-clinical community support services including; housing, cultural services, alongside education and vocational support which can be accessed to assist the young person to transition independently into the community.

There are currently five YRR Units (YRRUs) located across Queensland – two in both Townsville (Annandale and Aikenvale) and Brisbane (Aspley and Greenslopes) and one in Cairns. The YRRUs are operated by non-government organisations (NGOs) that provide non-clinical mental health care to the young person, including facilitation of a localised Life Skills program.

Purpose

The Committee was established by the MHAODB in October 2019 to support the YRRS program of work including:

* Supporting service development activities
* Advising on the fidelity of the YRRS Model of Service
* Identification and escalation of risks and
* Participation in evaluation activities.

The Committee membership includes representatives from Queensland Health including Hospital and Health Services, and non-government organisations.

Role of the consumer/carer member

Consumer and carer members have equal standing to other members on the Committee and contribute their lived experience (including knowledge of the experience of mental illness and navigating health systems and services) to facilitate service development activities associated with YRRS program of work.

The consumer and carer representatives will:

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

The role of the successful applicants will be to attend and actively participate in all Committee meetings and associated Committee activities such as pre-meeting reading, pre-briefings, discussions, provision of feedback and advice, and annual forums as appropriate.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would ideally suit a consumer and or carer representative with committee experience, either at the Hospital and Health Service, or Statewide level with an interest and some knowledge of Queensland’s public child and youth mental health service system.

Previous or existing consumers of YRRSs are strongly encouraged to apply.

Time and location

Committee meetings for 2020 have been scheduled to be quarterly for an hour to 90 minutes duration:

* 30 January 2020
* 10 March 2020
* 9 June 2020
* 8 September 2020
* 8 December 2020

Additional meetings may be arranged as needed. All meetings will be held at 15 Butterfield Street, Herston, Brisbane with video/teleconference options available.

Remuneration and Support

Consumer and carer members will be remunerated for their time consistent 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 also be reimbursed as per the position statement.

• $187 for meetings 4 hours and under (including pre-reading and travel time)

• $374 per meeting over 4 hours (including pre-reading and travel time)

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org** **by Friday, 10 January 2020.**

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

**Application Form**

**Youth Residential Rehabilitation Service Advisory Committee Member**

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
* 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 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

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+

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 Youth Residential Rehabilitation Services?

*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.*