Focus Group

Help shape how Health and Wellbeing Queensland partners with community to *make healthy happen*

Closing date: Thursday 20August 2020

**Health and Wellbeing Queensland**

**Health and Wellbeing Queensland is seeking up to 10 focus group participants to provide insight into the best ways for for community members and consumers to partner in the planning, implementation and evaluation of all areas of Health and Wellbeing Queensland’s work.**

This is an exciting opportunity for up to 10 health consumers to inform the development of a Community Partnering Strategy that will put people and communities at the heart of everything that Health and Wellbeing Queensland does.

We are looking for a mix of health consumers who reflect the diversity of the Queensland population including people living with disadvantage or disability, First Nations or Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people, those from regional, rural and remote communities, families and older people.

The 90-minute Focus Group will be held online and recorded using Zoom. Participants will be required to have access to and be familiar with using this technology.

Purpose

[**Health and Wellbeing Queensland**](https://hw.qld.gov.au/) is a new health promotion agency with a focus on reducing health inequities and the risk factors for chronic disease such as poor nutrition, physical inactivity and obesity.

The Community Partnering Strategy will support a planned approach to ensuring that Health and Wellbeing Queensland activities are informed by community engagement and co-designed to be inclusive, accessible, and relevant for the diverse populations across Queensland and reflect community priorities.

Health and Wellbeing Queensland activities include working in partnership to create environments that support healthier options at all stages of life and to empower and activate people, organisations, communities and governments to create the conditions that will prevent people getting ill in the first place and keep people healthy.

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicants will be to actively participate in a facilitated discussion.

Who is it for?

We are keen to hear from consumers who can provide insight into creating opportunities to make sure that Health and Wellbeing Queensland activities are informed by diverse perspectives and are inclusive and relevant to all Queenslanders and the communities where they live.

Time and location

The Focus group will be held from **11.30am to 1.00pm Wednesday 26 August**.

Remuneration and Support

Participants will be remunerated $60 for this 90-minute activity, 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).

Health and Wellbeing Queensland will seek to provide other support that consumers may require to participate. Please let us know what you may need when you make your application (for example, an interpreter, support for people with disability or support for a carer).

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to**[**Info@hw.qld.gov.au**](mailto:Info@hw.qld.gov.au)by COB 20 August 2020.

For assistance please contact Health Consumers Queensland via [consumer@hcq.org.au](mailto:consumer@hcq.org.au) or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

**Consumer Application Form**

**Health and Wellbeing Queensland - Focus Group on the Community Partnering Strategy**

Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

* Are you happy for Health and Wellbeing Queensland to share this form with Health Consumers Queensland\* as part of the process for this application? YES | NO
* 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

\*Applications will be collated and shared with Health Consumers Queensland as part of the application process. Applications will subsequently be stored by Health and Wellbeing Queensland in compliance with Government legislation.

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 health promotion, prevention and/or healthy living? *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.*

*If applicable – Keep this 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 (e.g. Committee Chair):

Organisation:

Phone number:

Email:

Applicant Role: