Application Form

Application for First Nations Consumer Representative to join the  
First Nations Health Improvement Advisory Committee

Closing date: 5pm Thursday, 25 March 2021

Queensland Department of Health

**The Department of Health is providing one (1) First Nations’ health consumer representative the opportunity to be a member of the First Nations Health Improvement Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee helps to support key health system priorities with the aim to remove barriers so health outcomes and experiences are improved for Queensland’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.**

Purpose

The purpose of the First Nations Health Improvement Advisory Committee (the Committee is also known as a Tier 2 Advisory Committee) is to review and inform the development of a co-designed First Nations Health Equity Framework and supporting priorities with an aim to remove barriers to improve health outcomes and experiences for Queensland’s First Nations people. This will be achieved through:

* provision of expertise, oversight, advice and guidance
* working in partnership to progress whole of system reforms to achieve health equity for First Nations
* approaches that are co-designed, co-owned and co-implemented with First Nations people
* monitoring progress and measuring improvements in the health and experiences of First Nations Queenslanders
* informing strategic direction to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Division.

What are the Queensland Health Tier 2 Advisory Committees?

The nine Queensland Health System Governance Tier 2 Advisory Committees, known as Tier 2 Advisory Committees, will help improve alliances between the Department of Health, Hospital and Health Services (where care is delivered), and the Queensland Ambulance Service. They report into the Queensland Health Executive Leadership Team with a connection to the Queensland Health Leadership Advisory Board; these two groups are chaired by the Director-General of Health. This new systematised representation underlines Queensland Health’s commitment to and recognition of the value of consumer partnerships to the system and health outcomes for all Queenslanders.

(Please see QH System Governance Chart – Tier 2 Committees on the Terms of Reference, email [consumer@hcq.org.au](mailto:consumer@hcq.org.au) to ask for a copy of the Terms of Reference)

Membership

The Committee will be chaired by Haylene Grogan, Chief Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Officer and Deputy Director-General, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Division and Co-Chair, representative of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled health sector.

For the First Nations Health Improvement Advisory Group membership will consist of 50 per cent non government representatives, and a minimum of 50 per cent First Nations representatives (government, non government, Elders, traditional custodians and consumers).

Please email [consumer@hcq.org.au](mailto:consumer@hcq.org.au) and ask for a copy of the Terms of Reference attached for more details of the committee and membership.

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicant will be to attend all Committee meetings and to actively participate in all Committee activities such as pre-meeting reading, discussions, provision of feedback and advice, including on out-of-session matters. Meeting papers are quite lengthy, so your time and commitment is required.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit a First Nations consumer or carer representative with at least 12 months committee experience, either at the Hospital and Health Service, or Statewide level.

The successful consumer will be joined by a Health Consumers Queensland organisational representative on the Committee who has been a member since the committee has formed.

This is a strategic, high level committee that is tasked with looking at outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. We are looking for your passion, energy and time commitment which will be valued in line with our remuneration guidelines. See below Remuneration and Support section.

Time and location

The Committee will meet a minimum of four times a year (quarterly) and may hold additional meetings (in person or via teleconference/online) for specific purposes, including making decisions out-of-session. Where possible, at least two meetings should be face-to-face.

Meeting papers will be distributed at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 20 April 2021.

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 be covered should meetings be face to face.

Support will be provided before, during and after the committee to the successful consumer including, admin and tech support, support for people with disability, support for a carer, interpreter, induction and orientation.

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to**[**consumer@hcq.org.au**](mailto:consumer@hcq.org.au)by  **9am Monday, 22 March 2021**

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**

**First Nations Health Improvement Advisory 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*

1. 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.*
2. **Please describe any connections you have to your community (e.g. networks, groups)**
3. **What are some of the key outcomes you would love to see for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People across Queensland?**

*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: