Application for Consumer Representatives to partner with the Allied Health Professions’ Office of Queensland - Research Portfolio

Closing date: 5pm Tuesday 20 September 2022

Allied Health Professions’ Office of Queensland

**The Allied Health Professions’ Office of Queensland (AHPOQ) is inviting two (2) consumer representatives to partner with AHPOQ to guide the allied health research portfolio for a two-year term.**

AHPOQ plays a key role in the development, implementation and evaluation of strategies to ensure an appropriately skilled allied health workforce to meet the current and future health service needs of Queensland. There are over 9000 allied health professional and technical staff working in Queensland, who work alongside doctors and nurses to provide optimum health care. Further information about the organisation can be found on their website <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/ahwac>

Purpose

The purpose of the research portfolio is to provide oversight and support allied health research capability and capacity across Queensland. AHPOQ is seeking two consumer representatives to provide advocacy and advice within this portfolio on the key components including:

* Membership of the Health Practitioner Research Advisory Group (HPRAG)
	+ The purpose of this group is to provide advice on how to build and improve allied health research capacity and capability across services.
	+ Membership includes research fellows, Directors of Allied Health and university representatives.
	+ The group meets quarterly for 90 minutes and is chaired by the Chief Allied Health Officer.
* Membership of the Peer Review Panel of the Health Practitioner Research Scheme (HPRS)
	+ The HPRS is a peer reviewed, merit-based scheme, annually awarding funds to allied health practitioner professions for research activity.
	+ Panel members review their allocated applications independently, attend a half to full day panel review and sit on a half to full day interview panel.
* Provide advice to the Allied Health – Translational Research into Practice (AH-TRIP) Steering Committee as required
	+ The AH-TRIP Steering Committee is responsible for the governance, leadership and strategic direction of the AH-TRIP initiative across Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) in Queensland.
* Provide advice on the development and implementation of the Allied Health 10-year Strategy including the Queensland Health Allied Health Research Plan.

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicant will be to:

Provide feedback and advice to inform decision making and strategic direction of the research portfolio. This includes:

* attend all the HPRAG meetings and to actively participate in all HPRAG activities such as pre-meeting reading.
* participate in HPRS Peer Review Panel activities such as review HPRS research applications and score them against set criteria, actively participate in HPRS peer review panel discussions, and participate as a panel member for the applicant interviews.
* provide advice on AH-TRIP activities.
* provide advice on other research initiatives as required.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit:

* a consumer with knowledge and experience in research and allied health services and the ability to contribute to the research portfolio at a Statewide level.
* an experienced consumer representative.
* a consumer who is confident working and communicating with healthcare professionals, board and executive members.

Time and location

**HPRAG:** Meetings are scheduled three times per year (March, July and December). Remaining meetings for 2022 is early December (date to be confirmed). Attendance can be by videoconference, teleconference or in person (not currently).

**HPRS:** Peer Review Panel activities will take place in mid-October 2022 (dates to be confirmed) and will include a 30 min pre-panel meeting briefing session, half to full day peer review panel meeting and a ½-full day interview process (tentative 18 November 2022, 9am – 2pm).

**N.B.** All meetings will be conducted via Videoconference or teleconference for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Remuneration and Support

The consumers will be provided with support e.g. admin support, support for people with disability, support for a carer, interpreter and induction to the research portfolio.

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.

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au**by 5pm Tuesday 20 September 2022.

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

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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, panels, 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 Allied Health and research? *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.*
* 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. Consumer Advisory Group Chair):

Organisation (eg. Hospital and Health Service/Queensland Health):

Phone number:

Email:

Applicant Role: