



Health Consumer Representative Role Description and Application

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Role title:	Health Consumer Representative – Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Maternity Clinical Network (OG&M)	Salary:	Attendance based expenses remunerated
Status:	Permanent Part-Time 12 months	Closing date:	20 September 2020
Division / Hospital and Health Service:	Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service	Contact person:	Mellissa Knox A/Director of Nursing & Midwifery, Family Women & Children
Location:	Rockhampton/Central Queensland Video and phone meeting access available		
Submit Application:	Via email: Obs&Gynae_Rockhampton@health.qld.gov.au		
	Via post: Attn: Director's Secretary, Obstetrics & Gynaecology Rockhampton Hospital Canning Street Rockhampton QLD 4700		

About the role

CQ Health has established strategic committees and clinical networks that require the valuable input of a health consumer representative (with expenses available).

The Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Maternity Clinical Network provides strategic leadership and oversight of the Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Maternity services throughout Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service. The Clinical Network will develop a contemporary service plan for the provision of care to achieve 'Great Care for Central Queensland' which is closer to home if possible.

The Health Consumer Representative for the Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Maternity Clinical Network will support the strategic direction of the network by providing their perspective which is reflective of theirs/other consumers collective experience with a view to ensuring community feedback and engagement is a focus of the outcomes.

Health consumer representatives have a unique and essential role in health service. Without our health consumer representatives there is often no-one on a committee who can represent a non-medical person and, in many cases, a broader community perspective. The health consumer has an important role in consumer and community engagement and will assist the health service with service planning and decision-making.

We are committed to ensuring diverse and inclusive health consumer representation, reflective of our community.

Our strategic committees and clinical networks deliver the following keys aims:

- Improve health outcomes and quality of care for health service consumers in Central Queensland
- Increase consumer, carer and community experience and satisfaction with the health service
- Improve health service delivery and responsiveness
- Assist the health service to develop strategies to enhance and promote community participation, cultural and diversity responsiveness
- Ensure that the health service is advised on priority areas and issues regarding consumer and community participation and matters of community interest or concern
- Provide direction and leadership in relation to the integration of consumer, carer and community views into all levels of the health service operation, planning and policy development.

Your role as a health consumer representative:

- Representing health consumer and carer's views to the committee/group/network
- Providing a consumer perspective which reflects your health journey and the collective experience of health consumers
- Helping the committee to think about things from a consumer perspective by raising consumer concerns and views
- Providing broader community feedback rather than focus on one's own individual experiences to inform system and service level improvements
- Being engaged with formal and informal consumer networks
- Attending and participating in committee meetings as agreed with the health service
- Maintaining confidentiality and disclosure of conflicts of interest
- Providing feedback to own networks of consumers as required

Do I have the skills?

- Do you have experience as a patient or consumer or carer in any service provided by CQ Health?
- Do you have a desire to create change in the health system and are solution focused?
- Do you have an interest or lived experience in an area of health or hospital services?
- Can you work in a team and have the confidence to speak in a group to get your views across?
- Are you respectful, open minded and can you appreciate different perspectives of others?
- Are you willing to volunteer several hours of your time and commit to meeting as a committee once a month (during business hours)?
- Would you be willing to receive support and training throughout your involvement?
- Are you willing to learn about the different services provided by the health service?
- Are you able to appreciate that the role of consumers on committees is to influence long-term change and improvements across the health service?
- Do you have connections to broader consumer and community networks, to share current users' experiences, wider than just your own personal experience? For example: Mothers groups or School P&C or Multicultural clubs or networks.

There are no mandatory qualifications and professional registration requirements.

Please let us know if you have relevant experience or qualification/s in community-based organisations or bodies, including any volunteer roles.

Please note that health practitioners or people currently employed or recently employed or engaged in the provision of health services will NOT be eligible for this role. Conflict of interest declaration may be a requirement.

Consumers must reside (live) in the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service catchment, view here www.health.qld.gov.au/services/central-queensland

What is on offer?

Health consumer representatives who represent on our strategic governance committees are offered the opportunity to claim reasonable out of pocket expenses and a formal committee participation fee for their participation on these committees, where a significant amount of preparation and reading is required.

Health consumer representatives participating in a **formal** capacity in approved engagement activities may be approved to claim the following expenses:

- Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred because of the engagement activity, for example parking (Rockhampton Hospital campus), printing or travel costs.
- Formal committee participation fee as per fee schedule.

Tier 1: Formal Health consumer representative attendance at ongoing governance committees

- \$187 for activities up to and including 4 hours duration*
- \$374 for activities over 4 hours duration*

Tier 2: Formal Health consumer representative attendance at focus groups directly relating to committee work.

- \$40 per hour including preparation time

*Please note this covers pre-reading time and travel time. Out-of-pocket expenses are not included in this rate.

The health service will support health consumer representatives throughout their engagement. This includes any identified need or requirement of staff training for those in a formal health consumer representative role.

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