

Expression of Interest (EOI): Position for an experienced General Practitioner on The Way Back Steering Committee

Gold Coast Primary Health Network's (GCPHN) strategic intent is:
"Building one world class health system for the Gold Coast."

Opportunity

GCPHN is currently seeking EOI for an experienced General Practitioner (GP) to join The Way Back Steering Committee.

Background

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) have been established with the key objectives of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes, improving coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time, and undertaking population health planning to identify and address local needs.

GCPHN has received non-recurrent funding from the Commonwealth and State governments to implement The Way Back Support Service (The Way Back).

People who have attempted suicide often experience severe distress in the days and weeks after and we know from the literature that the risk of re-attempts is very high during this time. Until now, there has been no widespread national program to support them once they are discharged from hospital. In fact, many people go back to the same circumstances that led to their distress.

In response, Beyond Blue developed **The Way Back Support Service**. The Way Back provides non-clinical, tailored support for up to three months following discharge from hospital after a suicide attempt or suicidal crisis. People referred to the service are contacted by a Support Coordinator within one working day and guided through a program that is personalised to meet their individual needs.

The program can include everything from support accessing clinical care during elevated periods of risk, to referrals to community-based services such as financial or relationship counselling. This one-on-one support is intended to help motivate people to keep socially connected and recover.

Additional information is available online at beyondblue.org.au/the-way-back

Purpose of The Way Back Steering Committee

The purpose of The Way Back Steering Committee (the Committee) is to provide advice and direction to the project's operational group in relation to the effective and successful delivery of the The Way Back in accordance with the Beyond Blue service model.

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Expectations of The Way Back Steering Committee Members

- The Way Back Steering Committee will meet quarterly at the GCPHN office in Robina or virtually (currently using ZOOM for meetings).
- Meetings will commence from 30 July 2020 and will be scheduled to commence at 10am and last 1.5-2 hours.
- Scheduled Meeting Dates for 2020 are currently:
 - Thursday 30 July 10am-12pm
 - Thursday 29 October 10am-12pm
 - Thursday 4 February 10am-12pm
 - Thursday 29 April 10am-12pm
 - Thursday 29 July 10am-12pm

Remuneration

Members of the Committee **will be remunerated** for attendance in line with GCPHN’s Sitting Fees:

Category C	Hourly Rate (ex GST)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPs • Specialists 	\$167.50

Essential selection criteria

- A special interest in suicide prevention services and/or clinical experience caring for patients experiencing suicidal ideation or suicidal crisis
- Current registration with a professional medical college and practicing without any restrictions as a GP in the Gold Coast region.
- Ability to actively contribute and challenge in a group environment
- Strategic thinker, visionary and have the ability to take a whole of system view
- Balance the needs of different professions and populations
- Assess complex issues and develop appropriate strategies
- Value for the inclusion of the lived experience voice
- A desire to drive and inform evidence-based service development
- Available to attend Committee meetings.

Recognising that general practice is the primary gateway for people to access clinical services, the GP representative position provides an excellent opportunity to contribute key insight and recommendations to develop and strengthen service links with general practice and improve outcomes for people at risk of suicide.

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Application and Appointment Process

Please email your application to Libby Carr, libbyc@gcphn.com.au no later than 4:00pm 13 July 2020.

Please submit your resume and a cover letter that describes your professional experience and the potential contribution you can make to The Way Back Steering Group, **based on the selection criteria.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Ms Libby Carr by email or phone (07) 5635 2455.

All applications will be informed of the outcome of the EOI by e-mail.

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