

Expression of Interest (EOI): Position for a General Practitioner on the Strategic Oversight Committee for the Joint Regional Plan for Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Alcohol and Other Drug Services

Opportunity

Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) and Gold Coast Health are currently seeking EOIs for a general practitioner (GP) to join the Strategic Oversight Committee for the Joint Regional Plan for Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Alcohol and Other Drug Services.

Background

Building on a strong history of collaboration, during 2019 and 2020 GCPHN and Gold Coast Health worked in partnership to bring together people with lived experience, service providers and community stakeholders to develop a [Joint Regional Plan for Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Alcohol and Other Drug Services](#) in the Gold Coast region (the Joint Regional Plan). Joint [governance structures](#) were established to lead and guide this work with numerous specific consultation opportunities throughout the planning and development process.

The Joint Regional Plan outlines a shared understanding of the issues our region faces, a shared vision for the future and a joint strategic roadmap for future service provision. Finalised in June 2020, GCPHN and Gold Coast Health are progressing with implementation of the Joint Regional Plan, including establishment of new governance structures.

Purpose of the Strategic Oversight Committee

The purpose of the Joint Regional Plan Strategic Oversight Committee (the Committee) is to provide leadership, guidance and oversight to the implementation of the Joint Regional Plan.

The Committee provides a platform for leaders, service providers and people with lived experience and cultural knowledge to come together as partners, using their specific knowledge and expertise to inform the best ways to achieve the shared outcomes identified in the Joint Regional Plan.

It is acknowledged that the implementation of the Joint Regional Plan is being led by GCPHN and GCH, within the context of their commitment as part of *Fifth National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan and Queensland Health's Connecting care to recovery 2016-2021*. However, the longer-term outcomes identified in this plan will require commitment from a number of organisations and agencies.

Expectations of Strategic Oversight Committee Members

- Capacity to attend all bimonthly meetings through June 2021
 - Due to COVID-19, meetings are currently being held virtually however once restrictions ease the Committee will meet quarterly at GCPHN offices in Robina or Gold Coast Health offices in Southport. Meetings will 1.5-2 hours dependant on the agenda. Scheduled 2020 Meeting Dates (subject to change) are as follows:
 - Thursday 17 September 2:00pm-3:00pm
 - Thursday 26 November 2:00pm-3:00pm
 (please note we are looking to arrange times for subsequent meetings to better accommodate participants, particularly GP representative)
- Pre-reading and evaluation/assessment of documentation
- Availability via email to receive and contribute to (within provided timeframes) follow-up information in preparation for the next meeting agenda
- Capacity to attend additional meetings (e.g. annual symposium) where required. Notice would be given well prior to the event

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 	\$171.00

Essential selection criteria

- Current registration with a professional body and practicing as a clinician in a Gold Coast general practice.
- Ability to understand and balance the needs of different service providers, professions and populations
- Ability to represent the experience of general practice
- A special interest in mental health, alcohol and other drugs, suicide prevention services and/or clinical experience caring for patients experiencing these challenges
- Ability to actively contribute and challenge in a group environment
- Strategic thinker, visionary and have the ability to take a whole of system view
- 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 insights and recommendations to develop and strengthen service links with general practice and improve outcomes for people experiencing challenges with mental health, suicidal ideation, alcohol and other drugs.

Application and Appointment Process

Please email your application to Amy Petrocy, gcregionalplan@gcphn.com.au no later than 4:00pm on Friday 25 September 2020.

Please submit your resume and a cover letter that describes your professional experience and the potential contribution you can make to the Joint Regional Plan Strategic Oversight Committee, **based on the selection criteria.**

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

All applications will be informed of the outcome of the EOI by email.