

## Gold Coast Primary Health Network

### Expressions of Interest: Lived Experience Representatives

Type of Opportunity	Area of Interest	Number of Representatives
Lived Experience Representatives	Alcohol, and Other Drugs – Adult & Youth	One Position

**Expressions of Interest close Monday 24 January 2022 – 9.00am**

#### **OPPORTUNITY:**

Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) are currently seeking expressions of interest for lived experience representatives to join the Adult and Youth Alcohol and Other Drugs Partnership Group.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Adult and Youth Alcohol and Other Drugs Partnership Group (AYAOD-PG) has been established as part of the implementation of the Joint Regional Plan for Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Alcohol and Other Drugs (MHAOD+SP) services. The Group provides a forum for strategic input, planning, communication, and direction for the AOD treatment sector in the region, providing the space for ongoing connection and strengthening of opportunities for cooperation between treatment providers, lived experience representatives, primary care providers and key stakeholders.

The formation of this group is in partnership with Gold Coast Health and is an important driver to continue the momentum for system improvement and collaboration across the sector that was built during the development of the Joint Regional Plan. The Joint Regional Plan was officially launched in June 2020 and can be found here: [Joint Regional Plan for Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Alcohol and Other Drug Services](#).

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the AYAOD-SP is to provide advice and leadership to support the implementation of the AOD strategies within the Joint Regional Plan, in addition to emerging priorities identified by the group. Members will use their specific knowledge and expertise to inform the best ways to facilitate implementation of prioritised strategies, with a focus on working towards achieving service integration across the region.

The Group will be expected to scope, develop, and implement activities that work towards:

- Improved treatment matching and identification of consistent intake processes, including implementation of ADIS direct referral service.

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- Shared understanding of referral and intake processes for clients that are accessing treatment and need to transition to another service (i.e., detox to residential).
- Shared understanding of communication methods regarding service capacity and demand to ensure responsiveness when transitioning clients.
- Improved connections with other providers including housing, mental health, and primary care.

#### **WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR:**

- Lived experience (consumer or carer) of alcohol and other drugs treatment services in the Gold Coast Region. Experience within the previous five years is preferred, as having an understanding of the current service system, intake processes and treatment options is essential to help guide implementation options of the priorities.
- System knowledge (private/public health supports and interventions) to provide strategic advice that supports the focus of the overarching Joint Regional Plan.
- The ability to share insights of the broader community as the lived experience voice (being connected to community consumers and/or carers).
- Ability to understand and balance the needs of different service providers, professions, and populations – the ability to take a whole of system view.
- Available to attend Committee meetings on a quarterly basis.

#### **KEY CRITERIA (must be answered – no more than 1 paragraph per dot point):**

- Please outline your Lived experience (consumer/carers/or both) of alcohol and other drugs, with a broad understanding of the associated challenges with the varying levels of need.
- What level of knowledge around accessing alcohol or other drugs services in the Gold Coast region (consumer/carers/or both), will inform your contribution to the committee?
- The ability to share insights of the broader community as a representative of the lived experience voice.
- Lived experience representative training or demonstrated experience participating in committee or community group environments.

#### **COMMITMENT REQUIRED:**

- Capacity to attend quarterly meetings throughout 2022 (it is likely this group will be extended).
- Capacity to attend additional meetings (e.g. annual symposium) where required. Notice would be given well prior to these additional commitments.
- Pre-reading and evaluation/assessment of documentation related to agenda items (any that is in addition to and above the standard level of reading for a meeting – would be requested separately).
- Responsive to email and other communication related to meetings.

#### WHERE/WHEN:

- Due to COVID-19, meetings are currently being held virtually via 'TEAMS', however once restrictions ease, the Committee will meet quarterly at GCPHN offices in Robina or Gold Coast Health offices in Southport.
- Meetings will be held quarterly throughout 2022.
- Time/Date: to be confirmed. Meetings will be 2hrs.

#### REMUNERATION PAYMENT:

- Meeting attendance: \$55.00/hr.
- Meetings will require pre-reading of documents to prepare for meetings. At times, further pre-reading/review beyond this level may be requested from the Chair/project lead of the advisory group.
- Requested extra pre-reading/review: \$40.00/hr (up to 3hrs. Further time upon approval).

#### SELECTION PROCESS:

- To express interest please submit a short cover letter (no more than one page) on why you are interested.
- Please confirm your ability to meet the **KEY CRITERIA** mentioned above by clearly answering each criteria point.
- Please email your application to the coordinator for the GCPHN lived experience engagement: at [livedexperiencesupport@gcphn.com.au](mailto:livedexperiencesupport@gcphn.com.au)

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#### Contact person – Coordinator for GCPHN Lived Experience Engagement

Questions regarding the process may be addressed by email to [livedexperiencesupport@gcphn.com.au](mailto:livedexperiencesupport@gcphn.com.au) or phone (07) 5635 2455 (after 5<sup>th</sup> January).