

Call for Nominations: NQPHN 2024 Community Advisory Group Independent Chair

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) have been established with the key objective of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of health services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes. Their aim is to improve coordination of care and ensure patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time, as well as to undertake population health planning to identify and address local needs.

The NQPHN Community Advisory Group (CAG) ensures that practical recommendations and advice from a local North Queensland perspective are included as part of NQPHN's review of investment decisions and to progress outcomes in accordance with the strategic intent of NQPHN.

The NQPHN Board is currently seeking nominations from interested health service users, consumers, carers, and community members for the role of Independent Chair of NQPHN's Community Advisory Group. The Independent Chair can be located in the Mackay, Townsville, Cairns, and Cape and Torres regions.

The Independent Chair will guide and direct participation in the NQPHN Community Advisory Group, which includes a membership base comprised of health service users, consumers, carers, and community members, and act as a critical friend to NQPHN by bringing community perspective to advise the planning of activities and priorities. The Group's advice is aligned with NQPHN's Health Needs Assessment and local and Commonwealth priorities.

The aim of the Group is to enable health system improvement and reform in local regions and for identified community groups. They ensure that community ideas drive improvements in person-centred care to deliver better health outcomes that are locally relevant and aligned to local care experiences and expectations.

The Group also guides and advises NQPHN to improve its social impact, cultural security, and patient safety of programs it commissions throughout the region.

As champions of change, group members maximise and leverage their own community networks to improve health outcomes through coordinated care.

The Community Advisory Group plays a key role in helping to guide NQPHN in ensuring activities are connected to and supported by the communities it serves.

The NQPHN Community Advisory Group will meet three times per year for up to two hours per meeting. Meetings will alternate between Mackay, Townsville and Cairns and videoconference will be made available to members located offsite at each meeting. The Independent Chair is not required to travel to each location to attend the meeting in person, with virtual attendance being satisfactory.

These roles provide an excellent opportunity to help shape the delivery of primary health care in North Queensland.



NQPHN acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Nation Peoples and the Traditional Custodians of this land. We respect their continued connection to land and sea, country, kin, and community. We also pay our respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging as the custodians of knowledge and lore.





Selection criteria

- Experience in facilitating meetings, encouraging and facilitating contributions from all committee members.
- Ability to support the NQPHN Clinical Advisory Committee by representing their communities and networks.
- The ability to promote a culture that implements best practice based on person-centred care.
- The ability to consider the diverse needs of the North Queensland community.
- Knowledge and experience working in primary care in North Queensland.
- The ability to make recommendations on health needs and priorities of North Queensland.
- Living in the NQPHN geographical area.

To apply

- Please submit a cover letter (a maximum of two pages) outlining your Chair/facilitator experience and detailing the contribution you believe you can make to the Community Advisory Group based on the selection criteria above.
- Email your application marked **NQPHN Community Advisory Group EOI Confidential** to companysecretary@nqphn.com.au.

Questions regarding the process may be addressed to NQPHN Executive Director Health System Integration and Innovation Karin Barron at karin.barron@nqphn.com.au

Application and appointment process

Applicants need to be available to attend the next Community Advisory Group meeting virtually at 12:00pm-2:00pm, on Tuesday 16 July 2024.

All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed and a short list developed. The final candidates will be presented to the NQPHN Board of Directors for final approval. Unsuccessful candidates will be advised in writing by email.

Please note applications close at 5pm on Friday 31 May 2024.

