

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Central Coast

Community Advisory Committee



An Australian Government Initiative

Are you interested in contributing to the improvement of primary health services within your community?

We are looking for individuals who have a keen interest in improving the health of their communities and an understanding of primary care and the issues which affect health outcomes. They will be committed to improving access and navigation of the health system for the members of the community in which they live. Members are not required to have a health related or clinical background.

Primary health care is the frontline of Australia's health care system. It can be provided in the home or in community-based settings such as in general practices, other private practices, community health, local government, and non-government service settings for example, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) have been established by the Australian Government 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.

Role of Community Advisory Committees

The role of these Community Advisory Committees is to provide the Board of HNECC PHN with locally relevant perspectives on community health issues. These relate to primary health care, which is the frontline of Australia's health care system and can be provided in the home or in community-based settings such as in general practices, other private practices, community health, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, etc. Members do not, however, need a health related or clinical background.

The Community Advisory Committees work alongside our organisation's Clinical Councils to provide the HNECC PHN Board with a community perspective on how best to improve health and wellness in their region; provide insight into identified health issues and present strategies and ideas that will lead to more effective and sustainable outcomes for their local community.

Central Coast Community Advisory Committee

HNECC PHN are seeking expressions of interest for membership of the Central Coast Community Advisory Committee.

We are interested to hear from individuals who:

- Are residents of the Central Coast
- Have an interest in improving primary health care within our community
- Can demonstrate active community networks

We are particularly interested in hearing from people from the Aboriginal and culturally diverse communities.

Applicants must be residents of the Central Coast and will be selected as individuals, not as representatives of any organisation(s).

Meetings are held quarterly (face-to-face), during the day from 10am and finish at 2pm at our Central Coast office located in Erina. The first meeting was held in February and the next scheduled meeting is on Thursday 18th May.

How to become involved

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in this opportunity please contact Karina Dafter via email kdafter@hneccphn.com.au or download the EOI application form from our website <http://www.hneccphn.com.au/about-us/community-advisory-committees/>

Please submit your completed application, preferably by email, by close of business **Monday 8th May** to Karina Dafter (contact details below)

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