

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Hunter Manning

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 but will be able to demonstrate active community networks.

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 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 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 PHN'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.

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HNECC PHN is seeking expressions of interest for additional membership of its Hunter Manning Community Advisory Committee and is interested to hear from individuals who:

- Are residents of the Manning/Taree area
- Have an interest in improving primary health care within their community
- Can demonstrate active community networks

For the purposes of diversity of membership we are particularly interested in hearing from people who are residents of the Manning/Taree areas; may be members or have connections to Aboriginal and/or culturally diverse communities; and have a demonstrated understanding of the health needs of young children.

Applicants will be selected as individuals, not as representatives of any organisation(s).

Meetings are held quarterly (face-to-face), during the day from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm (latest) at our Newcastle office. Meetings for the remainder of 2017 are scheduled for 6th July and 5th October.

How to become involved

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in this opportunity please contact Trish Gulliford via email tgulliford@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 22nd May** to Trish Gulliford (contact details below)

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