

Clinical Advisory Group

Expression of Interest

Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network are seeking expressions of interest to join the ***Living Well, Your Way*** (Murrumbidgee Collaborative Commissioning) Clinical Advisory Group.

What is *Living Well, Your Way*?

Living Well, Your Way is a healthcare initiative set to change the way care is provided for people with common chronic conditions in the Murrumbidgee. It will establish a new whole-of-system, consumer-centred approach to providing care. It's about ensuring people receive optimal care in the community, with the aim of improving health outcomes and reducing preventable episodes of hospitalisation.

To start, it is focussed on integrated care pathways across primary and acute care for people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Heart Failure.

It will begin in the Western sector of the Murrumbidgee (including Narrandera, Leeton, Griffith, Lockhart, Darlington Point, Coleambally, Jerilderie, Hay, Hillston, Deniliquin, along the Murray River, Berrigan, and Lake Cargelligo) as well as Wagga Wagga. The aim is to expand this to include a broader range of conditions and all communities in the Murrumbidgee over time.

What will the Clinical Advisory Group do?

The ***Living Well, Your Way*** Clinical Advisory Group will provide clinical leadership, guidance and support to the design and implementation of the *Living Well, Your Way* pathway. Members of the Group will share expert knowledge from within their fields to guide new models of care.

Key Responsibilities

1. Support the development and implementation of new models of care to build integration, capacity, capability, quality and safety in the delivery of chronic disease care in the Murrumbidgee region.
2. Provide expert clinical advice and decision making to the MLHD and MPHJ joint executive governance group overseeing the initiative, known as the Patient Centred Co-Commissioning Group (PCCG).
3. Review models of care, inclusion and exclusion criteria and alignment with best practice in order to ensure care pathways are innovative and will meet the needs of people in our region now and into the future.

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4. Provide advice and recommendations on options for trialling new models of care in select areas, and considerations for scaling and enhancement.
5. Oversee the implementation of new clinical pathways, including working with the MPHN HealthPathways Committee to ensure pathways are updated as appropriate.
6. Review outcomes of pilot initiatives and PDSA cycles to determine areas for improvement and opportunities for expansion.
7. Provide input into the design of digital health solutions included as part of the pathway.
8. Work collaboratively as part of an interdisciplinary committee, and disseminate information to colleagues in the region.

Membership

To be eligible to apply for this Clinical Advisory Group, applicants must live or work in the Murrumbidgee region.

Clinicians from the following backgrounds are encouraged to apply:

- Medical specialists
- General practitioners
- Pharmacists – community or hospital pharmacists
- Nurse practitioners
- Registered or Enrolled Nurses
- Aboriginal Health Workers or Practitioners
- Allied Health Professionals – physiotherapists, dietitians or exercise physiologists

Preference will be given to those who regularly provide care to patients with chronic disease, particularly COPD and heart failure.

Commitment

Committee members must commit to one 60-90 minute meeting per month (depending on agenda items), plus 1 hour preparation time per month.

Any representatives who do not receive payment from their employer, will be paid an hourly rate for their commitment, and calculated to the nearest half hour to a maximum of four hours per month (remuneration rates from MPHN policy are listed at appendix A; payment for medical specialists will be at the rate of a fee-for-service visiting medical officer remuneration as guided by NSW Health Policy.)

Members who fail to attend two consecutive meetings without notice, or three meetings over a six month period will be contacted and requested to resign from the committee.

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EOI Application Form

Title	
Name	
Phone	
Email	
Role/Position	
Employer	
Do you identify with the following (optional) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander - Culturally and linguistically diverse background 	

Please confirm your availability:

I am willing to commit to one meeting per month virtually or face to face, and am willing to undertake minimal pre-reading or preparation prior to attendance.

I am available for an initial introductory meeting on **Monday 28 February from 6-630pm**, to meet other members of the group and schedule future meeting dates in 2022

Will you be claiming remuneration for your participation (support will be provided to complete relevant documentation)?

Are you interested in becoming co-chair of the committee if asked?

Please **briefly** answer the following questions

1. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Clinical Advisory Group for the Living Well, Your Way initiative for people with chronic disease in the Murrumbidgee?	
2. What connection will you have with the delivery of new models of care to patients in our region?	

Please press submit or reply via email to caroline.holtby@health.nsw.gov.au by Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 5pm.

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Appendix A. Summary of fee structure from the MPHN Stakeholder Engagement & Remuneration Policy

1. Payment to GP's

- a) The payment to General Practitioners for involvement in Primary Health Network activities be set at \$132.00 per hour plus GST.
- b) GPs when undertaking approved work on behalf of MPHN are not considered employees of the entity and are therefore paid as GP Representatives. MPHN has no superannuation or MPHN Stakeholder Engagement & Remuneration Policy PAYG tax responsibility for these payments. The consultant GP bears the responsibility of paying tax on his/her earnings from MPHN.
- c) Payments may be made either to the individual or a nominated company.
- d) To claim payment a "Claim for GP Involvement in MPHN Activities" should be completed and submitted to the MPHN Administrative Officer.
- e) All GP's who attend workshops or conferences as a representative of MPHN will be required to submit a brief written report to the Board of Management.

2. Payments to Registered Allied Health Professional, Nurse, Pharmacist or Community Member

- a) The payment to a Registered Allied Health Professional, Nurse, Pharmacist and Community Member for involvement in Primary Health Network activities be set at \$85.00 per hour plus GST.
- b) This amount will be for full compensation for attendance, reading time and travel to Committee Meetings.
- c) Registered Allied Health Professional, Nurse, Pharmacist or community member when undertaking approved work on behalf of MPHN are not considered employees of the entity and are therefore paid as Registered Allied Health Professional, Nurse, Pharmacist or community member representatives. MPHN has no superannuation or PAYG tax responsibility for these payments. The consultant Allied Health Professional, Nurse, Pharmacist or community member bears the responsibility of paying tax on his/her earnings from MPHN.
- d) Payments may be made either to the individual or a nominated company.
- e) To claim payment a "Stakeholder Remuneration Expense Claim" form should be completed and submitted to the MPHN Administrative Officer.

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