EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Statewide Clinical Networks

Statewide Clinical Networks are all the health professionals, health service organisations, consumers and carers who work collaboratively with the goal of achieving high quality care in a particular clinical area.

Clinical networks will bring to the South Australian health system:

- improved value, quality and safety of service and reduced clinical variation by placing the consumer at the centre of care
- effective clinical governance, the sharing of good practice and systematic application of clinical standards, guidelines and protocols
- an increased level of clinical empowerment, leadership and involvement in the development and planning of health services across the continuum.

Statewide Clinical Network Steering Committee

The Steering Committees will provide oversight of the development, implementation and evaluation of the network’s activities.

Steering Committee members will have a demonstrated passion for the clinical specialty, be strategic thinkers, excellent communicators and have the ability to influence change in service delivery.

The Steering Committee will be constructed to reflect a balance of experience across metropolitan and country and from within and out of hospital sectors. The Steering Committee will be led by a Statewide Clinical Network Lead who will report to the Commissioner.

What do I need to know?

- The Statewide Clinical Network Clinical Lead and the Executive Director Clinical Partnerships will select the initial steering committee.
- Final appointment will be confirmed by the Commissioner.
- Please read the Clinical Network Terms of Reference on the CEIH website.

Selection criteria

- Relevant clinical expertise (medical, nursing, allied and scientific health) and/or other relevant expertise.
- Demonstrated commitment to quality improvement.
- Availability to participate in activities of the Steering Committee, including face to face meetings, working groups and out-of-sessions work.
An understanding of and support for the role of the Statewide Clinical Network and more broadly CEIH.

If selected, you will also need to submit a completed conflict of interest and confidentiality declaration form, and a letter of support from your employing agency.

How to apply
To submit your expression of interest, please address the selection criteria available via the online survey available on the CEIH website.

More Information
Please read the Frequently Asked Questions at the end of this document.

For any enquiries, please contact the CEIH via email: Health.Excellence-Innovation@sa.gov.au

Related documents
> Statewide Clinical Networks - a framework for delivering best value care through excellent and innovation.
> Statewide Clinical Network Steering Committee Terms of Reference will be available on the CEIH website.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have to work in a public hospital to apply?
No. Statewide Clinical Networks bring together the providers of a particular speciality from across hospital and community settings. This creates an environment for clinicians from Local Health Networks, primary care, non-government organisations and the private sector, to come together and consider how their service can best develop in response to changing community needs. Steering Committee membership will be constructed to reflect this.

What time commitment is required?
It is anticipated that Steering Committee meetings will initially occur monthly, but this may become less frequent as the Clinical Network becomes established. There may be other forums and planning sessions that members are asked to attend. Members may also be asked to contribute to working groups to progress time limited priority projects for the network. There is also likely to be some out-of-session work and actions that arise from meetings that members will need to contribute to.

How will the Steering Committees be supported?
Each Clinical Network will have a Clinical Lead who will provide leadership to the network. The Commission on Excellence and Innovation in Health (CEIH) will provide a project manager for each network who will work closely with the Clinical Lead and the Steering Committee to manage the overall program of work for the network. CEIH will also have a supporting role in guiding the work of the network by providing expertise in clinical informatics and improvement methodologies. Administrative support will also be provided.

Will there be consumers on the Steering Committee?
Yes. CEIH intends to involve consumers and carer (or their representatives) at all levels in the CEIH. Recruitment of consumers will also occur via an Expression of Interest process.

What other opportunities will there be to be involved with the network?
The Steering Committee will be limited to approximately eight to 12 members and we recognise that there will be many passionate and dynamic people who are not selected. There will be opportunities to participate in working groups, sub-committees and workshops that will be established to progress the work program developed by the Steering Committee.

Will I be paid for my time?
Steering Committee members will usually not be paid in addition to their current employment if they are South Australian public sector employees. Members who are external to the South Australian public sector will be able to apply for sitting fees, preparation time fees, loss of income fees and reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of participating in Steering Committee activities.

Can I apply if I live in a regional or rural area?
Yes. Membership will be constructed to reflect the necessary mix of knowledge, experience and skills to support the Statewide Clinical Network to fulfil its responsibilities. A balance of experience across metropolitan and rural settings and from within and out of hospital sectors will be sought.
Will teleconference or videoconference be available for meetings?

Yes, teleconferencing and/or videoconferencing will be provided to enable greater participation particularly for members from rural and remote areas. It is preferred that members attend the first meeting face-to-face where possible.

For more information

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