

Consumers Leading in Governance – Pilot Program

Call for Sponsors



Consumers Leading in Governance is a pilot governance training and development program for mental health consumers that offers both theoretical and practical learning experience. Its objective is to build capacity of mental health consumers to participate in governance arrangements across the new mental health system, as recommended by the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

The pilot program will commence in 2022 and is eight months long. It has two, complementary components: a training component and a placement component.

The training component:

- Will be run over four days
- Includes eight modules (consumer perspective; governance overview; culturally adaptive governance frameworks; ethics for governance; financial literacy in the governance role; board room dynamics; strategy and risk)
- Comprises content created and co-facilitated by subject matter experts and consumers

The placement component:

- Will provide the opportunity for each program participant to gain practical experience observing at least three board and/or board sub-committee meetings of an allocated placement organisation

Additional elements of the project

The *Consumers Leading in Governance* pilot program will be evaluated on its successful provision of skill learning and refinement for future lived experience governance training initiatives. VMIAC is proposing to establish an ongoing support network for training graduates and other consumers in governance roles.

How are participants chosen for the program?

- *Pathway 1:* by application through VMIAC (applications open late December 2021)
- *Pathway 2:* by nomination by a sponsor organisation (limited places)

Collaboration and Sponsorship opportunities

VMIAC is keen to work collaboratively with potential project partners, and is seeking co-investment to support the running and subsequent evaluation of the *Consumers Leading in Governance* pilot program. There are four opportunities available to sector organisations:

- **Become a Foundation Partner and Sponsor** for \$10,000 (with two nominated participant places) or \$6,000 (no nominated places). There is a limit of three Foundation Partners, and all will be recognised in all project materials.
- **Sponsor a participant** for \$2,500pp. Sponsored places do not come with nomination rights. Participant sponsors will be recognised in all project materials.
- **Nominate a participant** for \$3,000pp. There are limited places available for nominated participants.
- **Become a Content Partner** by contributing to the development of expert content (in one or more of the eight modules) and/or co-facilitating training sessions.

For more information...

or to express interest, please contact the Senior Project Lead - Erandathie Jayakody at erandathie.jayakody@vmiac.org.au or on **0456 304 719**. Closing date 17 December 2021.