

Consumers Leading in Governance – Pilot Program

Information for placement organisations



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.

What is required of a placement organisation?

Placement organisations are asked to:

- Identify an organisational liaison point
- Appoint a board member to act as a mentor
- Arrange for the participant to meet with the CEO to provide an overview of the organisation
- Arrange for the participant to observe a mix of board and board sub-committee meetings (minimum three)*
- Ensure the participant receives all necessary board/sub-committee papers prior to the meetings*
- Arrange for debriefing with their mentor (relevant board member) after each meeting
- Ensure the participant has completed necessary confidentiality, conflict of interest and other relevant agreements

*In situations where papers and discussions may be particularly sensitive or confidential, participants may not be provided with papers in advance and can be asked to leave the meeting for the specific agenda item.

The following additional requirements apply for organisations that offer clinical mental health services:

- Arrange for the participant to meet with the mental health clinical director to provide an overview of the mental health services and processes
- Arrange for the participant to observe a mental health specific (sub-)committee meeting

Placement providers will be recognised in project publications.

When will the placements take place?

Placements must be completed between May 2022 and October 2022.

How are participants chosen for the program?

Participants are chosen through an application process. Some participants are nominated by organisations that are sponsoring the program.

How are placement organisations supported?

Board Members and CEO's will be invited to participate in an online briefing prior to the commencement of placements. The Senior Project Lead will be available for inquiries and support throughout the course of the placement.

For more information...

or to become a placement organisation, please contact the Senior Project Lead - Erandathie Jayakody at erandathie.jayakody@vmiac.org.au or on **0456 304 719**.

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