



The Victorian Refugee Health Network (the Network) welcomes expressions of interest (EoI) from interested parties who have experience working with people of refugee background and people seeking asylum to join the Network's executive group.

Background

The Victorian Refugee Health Network was established in 2007 with the aim of reducing health disparities experienced by refugee and asylum seeker background people and communities by:

- building the capacity of the Victorian health sector to respond to health concerns experienced by these cohorts
- addressing health inequality through health promotion
- supporting services to be more accessible to people from refugee backgrounds, particularly in regional and outer metropolitan areas
- improving service coordination for cohorts with complex needs

1. The Executive Group

The executive group ("the Executive") provides strategic direction and oversight of the Network's activities through:

- engagement and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders
- need identification and prioritisation
- defining boundaries of Network activities
- identification of emerging trends and issues across health services
- providing endorsement of the Network's outputs
- providing advice on the development and implementation of partnering opportunities
- promotes the work of the Network across local networks and communities

Members of the executive group will have the opportunity to join the Network's Communities of Practice (CoP) in three priority areas: Mental Health, Rural and Regional Services and Clinical Practice.

Work with the CoP is designed to be complementary to the executive group by identifying emerging and current issues within and across the sector.

2. Composition of the Executive

The Executive consists of 8-10 members and aims to reflect the diverse breadth and scope of Victoria's Refugee Health Sector. Due to rotating membership, the current Executive is looking to incorporate the following areas of experience:

- Health Practitioners, Medical, Nursing, Refugee Health Fellows and Allied Health.
- Public Health Expertise
- Rural and Regional Refugee Health
- Refugee and Forced Migration Policy

3. Terms of Appointment

- a) Each Executive member is appointed for an initial period of three years
- b) It is a condition of appointment that members are required to attend at least three Executive meetings a year

4. Meetings

- a) The Executive meets four times a year, usually on a Thursday afternoon
- b) The members of the group have the option of meeting via teleconferencing for each meeting if required
- c) Papers are provided a week in advance of each meeting, and there is an expectation members will have read the papers before the meeting
- d) There may be at times the need to attend ad hoc meetings in response to emerging health and policy issues
- e) A secretariat provides support to meetings, CoPs, and all other activities of the Network

5. Skills and Experience and Responsibilities required

- Lived experience of refugee background is highly valued, but not essential
- A demonstrated commitment to improving health outcomes for people from refugee backgrounds and people seeking asylum
- Holding a substantive role in health or community services (either in direct service or policy context)
- Willingness to promote the work of the Network across local networks and communities
- An ability to bring the perspectives of communities and services into the work of the Network
- A willingness to participate thoughtfully and collaboratively as a member of the group
- Time to attend four Executive meetings per year (2-hour meetings)
- Time to read papers prior to meetings (1-2 hours per meeting) and a willingness and ability to respond to submissions and provide feedback
- Professional knowledge and experience in one of the following portfolio areas
 - Health practitioners, medical, nursing refugee health fellows and allied health.
 - Public health expertise
 - Rural and Regional
 - Refugee and Forced Migration Policy

6. How to Apply

If you would like to apply to be a member of the Network executive group, please provide a short application that outlines:

- Your interest in being a member of the Network executive group
- Relevant skills and experience, as detailed in section 5.

Please submit your application via email to refugeehealth@foundationhouse.org.au. Applications close 22nd July 2022.

Please direct any queries to Gavin Halge, Coordinator, Victorian Refugee Health Network
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