Application for Member:

Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs –

Digital Specialty Group

**The Queensland Department of Health Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch is currently seeking applications from consumers and carers across Queensland to join the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs – Digital Specialty Group.**

The branch invites consumers and carers with:

* a lived experience of Queensland Health’s **mental health services**, and / or
* a lived experience of Queensland Health’s **alcohol and other drug services**.

The [Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch](https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/about-us/what-we-do/mental-health-alcohol-and-other-drugs-branch) (MHAODB) sits under [Clinical Excellence Queensland](https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/about-us/what-we-do/mental-health-alcohol-and-other-drugs-branch), Department of Health. MHAODB provides oversight and secretariat duties for the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs – Digital Specialty Group (MHAOD-DSG).

**Purpose**

The MHAOD-DSG is the peak body providing clinical and digital expertise, direction and definitive advice on digital transformation for Queensland’s state funded MHAOD services.

There is a broad digital health ecosystem across Queensland Health for mental health and alcohol and other drug services. The MHAOD-DSG was established in 2020 to focus on enhancing digital healthcare capability within the sector. The scope of the MHAOD-DSG has recently been extended to incorporate oversight of the digital transformation work program following the public release of the [*Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Healthcare Digital Information Strategy 2022-2027*](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0034/1178755/QHAOD_Digital_Strategy_2022-2027.pdf) which is a deliverable under [*Better Care Together: A plan for Queensland’s state-funded mental health, alcohol and other drug services to 2027*](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0032/1178744/BetterCareTogether_HR.pdf).

*Digital health better connects consumers with their health information and enables them to be a more active partner in their care. It unlocks channels for health system access and engagement, supporting better experiences and outcomes. For clinicians, digital is about user friendly, integrated and intelligent health services, with meaningful insights to support better decisions and proactive care* (Digital Health 2031: A digital vision for Queensland’s health system)

**Principal Functions**

Using the collective specialist knowledge of the membership, the principal functions that MHAOD-DSG provides are:

* alignment with digital health agendas across Queensland Health, Hospital and Health Services and the broader MHAOD services sector,
* oversight and prioritisation of the MHAOD Digital Transformation program inclusive of projects to be delivered through the *Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Healthcare Digital Information Strategy 2022-2027*, and
* a governance pathway for reporting through to Better Care Together oversight and assurances committees and respective eHealth Queensland governance committees.

**Membership**

The MHAOD-DSG is Chaired by a senior member of the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch and a clinical leader from a Hospital and Health Service.

Members include representatives from metropolitan, regional and rural/remote Hospital and Health Services, the Department of Health, Lived Experience Workforce Leadership and people with a lived experience of accessing Queensland Health mental health and alcohol and other drug services.

**Terms of Reference**

The MHAOD-DSG Terms of Reference can be provided by request. For successful applicants, a copy of the Terms of Reference will be provided as part of orientation and induction to the MHAOD-DSG.

**Role of the consumer**

On acceptance of appointment to the MHAOD-DSG, members agree to the following:

* Members are required to review the agenda, minutes and associated documentation prior to each meeting, and follow through on allocated action items in a timely manner.
* Members will engage in meeting proceedings and will actively participate in discussion of agenda items and the provision of advice.
* Members will attend at least 50% of scheduled meetings in the calendar year.

**Who is it for?**

The MHAOD-DSG requires representatives to meet one or more of the following:

* A consumer with a lived experience of Queensland Health’s mental health services
* A consumer with a lived experience of Queensland Health’s alcohol and other drug services
* Carers who are caring for someone with a lived experienced of accessing Queensland Health’s mental health services
* Carers who are caring for someone with a lived experienced of accessing Queensland Health’s alcohol and other drug services

This opportunity would suit those who:

* Live anywhere in Queensland
* Have the capacity to participate in online meetings (using the Microsoft Teams platform)
* Have a passion for digital healthcare
* Have the ability to express their own viewpoint and reflect on the views of others so that a range of perspectives are considered
* Have the ability to commit sufficient time to participate fully in the work of the group (e.g., reading papers, providing feedback, and attending meetings)

**Time and location**

Meetings of the MHAOD-DSG will be held by videoconference (Microsoft Teams meeting) every six weeks. Ad-hoc meetings may be called if required.

Meetings are currently scheduled for this financial year as listed below; meetings for future years will be scheduled in due course.

* Monday 25 September 2023, 1:30pm to 3:00pm
* Monday 6 November 2023, 1:30pm to 3:00pm
* Monday 18 December 2023, 1:30pm to 3:00pm
* Monday 29 January 2024, 1:30pm to 3:00pm
* Monday 11 March 2024, 1:30pm to 3:00pm
* Monday 22 April 2024, 1:30pm to 3:00pm
* Monday 3 June 2024, 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Meeting frequency and / or scheduled dates may be varied at the discretion of the Co-chairs.

**Remuneration and Support**

Consumers will be remunerated for their time.

Consumers will be provided with support to attend and access the online meetings and provide feedback including:

* Orientation and induction to the MHAOD-DSG
* Administration and technical support to access online meetings (e.g. training and support on connecting to the meetings via Microsoft Teams) if needed
* Prebrief and debrief meetings to allow for additional support if needed
* Additional support as identified by the consumer through negotiation with the MHAOD-DSG secretariat

**How to apply:**

The completed Consumer Application for group membership, can be sent via email to: MHAODB-Digital@health.qld.gov.au.

**Consumer Application Form**

**Member: Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs – Digital Specialty Group**

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| Full name: |  |
| Preferred phone number: |  |
| Email:  |  |
| Postal address: |  |
| Postcode: |  |

Are you happy for Queensland Health (or the organisation) to share this form with the Mental Health Lived Experience Peak Queensland, as part of the process for this application? YES | NO

Please select any group you identify as being a part of:

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|[ ]  Consumer with a lived experience of Queensland Health’s mental health services |
|[ ]  Consumer with a lived experience of Queensland Health’s alcohol and other drug services |
|[ ]  A carer who is caring for someone with a lived experienced of accessing Queensland Health’s mental health services |
|[ ]  A carer who is caring for someone with a lived experienced of accessing Queensland Health’s alcohol and other drug services |
|[ ]  have a passion for digital healthcare |

How would you like to be addressed:

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|[ ]  He/him |
|[ ]  She/her |
|[ ]  They/them |
|[ ]  Other:  |

Do you identify as:

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|[ ]  Aboriginal |
|[ ]  Torres Strait Islander |
|[ ]  Both |
|[ ]  Prefer not to state |

Age range:

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|[ ]  16-24 |
|[ ]  25-29  |
|[ ]  30-39  |
|[ ]  40-49  |
|[ ]  50-59  |
|[ ]  60-69  |
|[ ]  70+ |

Please describe any support you need to take part in this activity *(examples include support person, hearing loop, dietary requirements)*

*Your responses to the following questions only need to be a brief sentence or two*

1. Please describe your experience as a health consumer representative including committees, focus groups, surveys, governance roles, etc.

*Tip: Past consumer representative positions that have similar requirements to the opportunity you’re expressing interest in. Give an indication of how long each position was for, and any relevant highlights.*

1. **Please describe any connections you have to your community (e.g. networks, groups)***Tip: Think about how this relates to the role you’re applying for.*
2. Please describe your interest in this topic. *Tip: Although this section usually requires the longest response, try to keep it concise. Things to consider focusing on here include:* *any past lived experience that shows your understanding of the topic, or your understanding of the social/health/economic implications of the topic/condition, or Any systems change that you have identified that will improve care for health consumers, and possible strategies you could share to affect that change.*
* Please provide contact details for a staff member from a health service or department you are currently partnering with. (we will advise if you are shortlisted before we contact your referee).

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| **Full name:** |  |
| Staff Role:  |  |
| Partnering Activity (eg. Committee Chair): |  |
| Organisation: |  |
| **Phone number:** |  |
| **Email:**  |  |
| **Applicant Role** |  |