

# Community Health Taskforce Consultation

September 2018

**Play an important role in shaping the future direction of community health.**

## Background

The Community Health Taskforce has been established to advise the Victorian Government on opportunities to strengthen community health services so they can better meet the healthcare needs of vulnerable Victorians.

The Taskforce will work with the sector and others to identify a shared vision about the role and priorities for community health now, and into the future. The taskforce is working to strengthen Victoria's Community Health sector by

- Identifying a shared vision for the role and priorities of community health services
- Advising the government on opportunities to strengthen the community health sector.

Taskforce members have been selected from a representative group bringing a range of perspectives and expertise to this work. The Community Health Taskforce is chaired by former community health chief executive, Phillip Bain. Members include Kerry Anderson (South West Healthcare), Leanne Beagley (PHN Alliance), Carlo Carli (Merri Health), Dale Fraser (Ballarat Health Service), Trevor Pearce (VACCHO), Suzanne Miller (Nexus Primary Health), Lyn Morgain (cohealth), Trish O'Hara (ANMF), Tom Symondson (VHA) and Danny Vadasz (Health Issues Centre).

The Department of Health and Human Services has engaged the Victorian Healthcare Association to facilitate a consultation and engagement process. The VHA has partnered with Spark Strategy to deliver this detailed process.

## Engagement and consultation process

The purpose of this consultation exercise is to develop a clear pathway for strengthening community health, informed by close engagement with the sector and other key stakeholders within community health.

This consultation process will play a central role in providing the Community Health Taskforce with advice, insights and opportunities that will help inform final proposed actions and potential improvements in community Health service delivery.

The consultation process will include a series of workshops, interviews with key stakeholders, and a survey.

## Consultation themes

This consultation will focus on five key areas:

- Identifying the core role of community health services
- The funding model and funding requirements for delivering services
- Strengthening clinical and corporate governance
- Demand management and future service planning
- Performance and outcomes measurement.

## Stakeholders

Through this consultation and engagement process, we are aiming to reach and hear from a broad cross-section of representatives who have an existing or potential touch point with community health from the following groups:

- Registered community health CEOs and executive teams
- Integrated community health CEOs, executive teams
- Local government
- Health services organisations
- Community sector organisations
- Unions
- Consumers and consumer representative groups representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with an intellectual disability, refugees and people seeking asylum, people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, people with a serious mental illness and children in out-of-home care
- Primary healthcare networks.

## Locations, dates and times

Consultations will be undertaken at locations across Victoria throughout September and October. RSVP is essential.

#1	Melbourne ( <u>session for registered and integrated community health service CEOs or their delegates only</u> ), VHA Meeting Room, Level 6/136 Exhibition Street, at 12.00-2.00pm on Friday 7 September.
#2	Primary Care Connect, 399 Wyndham St Shepparton at 12.00-3.00pm on Wednesday 26 September
#3	Melbourne, PWC, 2 Riverside Quay Southbank at 10.00am-1.00pm on Tuesday 16 October
#4	Latrobe Community Health Service, Seymour St & Princes Highway, Traralgon at 10.30am-1.30pm on Thursday 4 October
#5	Ballarat Community Health Service, 12 Lilburne Street, Lucas (Ballarat) at 11.00am-2.00pm on Wednesday 24 October
#6	Melbourne ( <u>session for registered and integrated community health service CEOs or their delegates only</u> ), VHA Meeting Room, Level 6/136 Exhibition Street, at 12.00-2.00pm on Friday 30 November

## Have your say

If you are interested in attending one of these workshops please email [events@vha.org.au](mailto:events@vha.org.au) with your name, title, organisation, preferred date and location.