

Expressions of Interest for HIV Positive Community Representatives

Expressions of Interest for two HIV Positive Community Representatives for the South Australian HIV and Sexually Transmissible Infection (STI) Collaborative Action Group (CAG) are requested.

The CAG was established to work towards improving the sexual health and wellbeing of all communities outlined in the South Australian HIV Implementation and Evaluation Plan 2015–2016, the South Australian Sexually Transmissible Infections Plan and the Seventh National HIV Strategy 2014–2017. CAG members will work in partnership to develop, implement and evaluate community and peer led health promotion and HIV and STI prevention campaigns, and will contribute to policy and program development to strengthen South Australia's response to HIV and STIs.

The CAG is chaired by Team Leader of South Australian Mobilisation and Empowerment for Sexual Health (SAMESH).

The **SAMESH** program is South Australia's targeted HIV and STI prevention program for gay men, men who have sex with men (MSM) and people living with HIV (PLWHIV). SAMESH strives to create a community which is knowledgeable about HIV and STIs, and free from HIV stigma and discrimination. The program is grounded in the lived experiences of PLWHIV, people at risk of HIV and people affected by HIV.

The CAG members are committed to the principles and practices of the Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (MIPA) at all levels of South Australia's response to HIV. The CAG will develop a range of strategies to ensure meaningful involvement of PLWHIV in all actions taken by the committee. The CAG invites two PLWHIV to join as Community Representatives, one man and one woman.

Expressions of Interest for two positions as Community CAG Representatives are requested from the broader HIV positive community and HIV sector workforce. Each CAG Community Representative position is for a three year fixed term.

Please forward Expressions of Interest to Mr Wills Logue, Chair of the CAG and Team Leader of SAMESH at wills.logue@samesh.org.au by close of business Friday, 29 January 2016. All applicants should submit: 1) a **current resume** and 2) a **cover letter** detailing their interest in the role as well as an overview of their skills, attributes and experience for the role. Community members who can demonstrate community capacity building and who can provide examples of commitment to improving the lives of PLWHIV, including collaborations within and outside the HIV and STI sector, are encouraged to apply.

Selection Criteria:

- openly HIV positive man or woman
- demonstrated evidence of commitment and support for PLWHIV
- ability to contribute to policy and program development
- demonstrated engagement with the wider PLWHIV community including gay men, MSM, heterosexual men and women
- available to attend five meetings per year during the working day (a sitting fee will be provided to Community Representatives)
- ability to bring insight to the work of the committee through lived experience
- demonstrated awareness of issues of confidentiality