The Western NSW Primary Health Network (WNSW PHN) is currently seeking expressions of interest for Aboriginal Health Council (AHC) Membership.

The AHC is one of five WNSW PHN Advisory Councils which report through to the Board. The Councils assist the organisation set strategic direction, evaluate outcomes of services and support the design of new services to meet the needs of local communities. Your involvement in the AHC will assist to develop local strategies to improve primary health care for Aboriginal people in the WNSW PHN region.

Expressions of interest for membership of the AHC are sought from Aboriginal & Torres Strait people with experience in Aboriginal Health, Human Services, or community development and an understanding of the health of Aboriginal people in the Western NSW Primary Health Network footprint.

*These are identified positions in accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality which forms part of addressing the selection criteria.**While WNSW PHN recognises that there are people of both Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent living across the region, reference is made to Aboriginal in recognition of Aboriginal people being the first people of NSW.*

**Skills and Experience**

* Experience in Aboriginal Health, Human Services or community development in the WNSW PHN footprint. Understanding of local primary health care infrastructure, systems, services and integrative approaches to care within a rural and remote setting.
* Strong profile, reputation and networks in the local community including with community members (consumers) and organisations, local health professionals and funded community health providers; with the ability to effectively engage and communicate with those stakeholders.
* Understanding of the development and delivery of Primary Health Care Services to the Aboriginal communities, including knowledge of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector.

**Selection Criteria**

* Demonstrated knowledge about and experience in Aboriginal health
* Organisational capability
* Strength of networks and influence to support the WNSW PHN Board at a strategic level.

**Membership requires regular attendance and an active commitment related to the** [Terms of Reference](https://www.wnswphn.org.au/uploads/documents/Councils/WNSW%20PHN%20-%20AHC%20Terms%20of%20Reference%20-%20July%202022.pdf) **Roles and Functions.**

Click on this link to view the [Western NSW PHN Region.](https://www.wnswphn.org.au/commissioning/needs-assessment" \t "_blank)

## **Please complete the EOI form below and send, with your resume and a cover letter outlining your relevant skills and experience to:**

## **Nerida Campbell**

## **Councils Coordinator**

## **Western NSW PHN**

## **PO Box 890, DUBBO NSW 2830**

## [**eoi@wnswphn.org.au**](mailto:eoi@wnswphn.org.au)

**Closing date: 16 September 2022**

For further information please contact:

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| Your Name: |  |
| Your area of interest or lived experience  (Applicable to Aboriginal Health) |  |
| Do you have any of the desired skills/experience as outlined above?  Please demonstrate how. |  |
| Why do you wish to participate, and how do you feel you can contribute to guiding primary health care for Aboriginal people in the region? |  |
| Your residential address: |  |
| Your email: |  |
| Your phone number: | Mobile:  Landline: |

*We acknowledge that we work on the traditional lands of many Aboriginal clans, tribes and nations. We commit to working in collaboration with our region’s Aboriginal communities and peoples to improve their health, emotional and social wellbeing in the spirit of partnership.*