

South East Queensland Refugee Health - Partnership Advisory Group (RH -PAG)

Building Capacity in Refugee Health in South East Queensland

Terms Of Reference (TOR)

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Document purpose:

The purpose is to describe the approach that will be agreed to by the South East Queensland Refugee Health Partnership Advisory Group herein referred to as RH-PAG. The TOR outlines the purpose, structure and communication mechanisms of the RH-PAG.

Background:

RH-PAG has been established in response to the changes to Refugee Health Services in South East Queensland and the broader changes to the Australian Humanitarian Program and asylum seeker policy. Key stakeholders have come together to identify needs and to develop a strategic response that meets the health needs of refugees and asylum seekers settling in "South East Queensland".

Key Principles:

- To maintain the "patient" journey at the forefront of all planning and service development
- To engage directly with refugee consumers and promote their involvement in health service policy, planning and care delivery
- To recognise that refugee health and well-being is best addressed through a collaborative and integrated approach spanning tertiary, primary and community based services.
- To emphasise the importance of prevention, health promotion, community development and partnerships as critical for the protection, sustainability and enhancement of refugee health and well-being. (NSW Health Refugee Health Plan 2011-2016)

Objectives:

- To provide appropriate and timely healthcare to refugees and asylum seekers in South East Queensland
- To develop a sustainable and flexible model of healthcare which responds to changes in the Australian Humanitarian Program and asylum seeker policy.
- To develop joint funding submissions
- To coordinate and deliver education and training
- To coordinate research
- To develop policy submissions and influence refugee health policy at a State and National level

Key roles and responsibilities:

- RH-PAG will provide high level support, strategic advice and input to achieve the identified objectives
- RH-PAG will not have decision making power as each partner organisation is autonomous with its own organisational structure
- RH-PAG members will engage strategically with other identified groups or networks and provide feedback. These groups include but are not limited to: RHeaNA (Refugee Health Network of Australia), The Local Area Coordination Groups in Brisbane, Toowoomba and Logan, FASSTT (Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma), the Multicultural Mental Health Working Group, the Refugee Health Development Workers Group (G8), Refugee Health Clinical Advisory Group,
- RH-PAG members will oversee and strategically support working groups established to operationalise objectives
- RH-PAG members will communicate and share information with key stakeholders across Queensland

PAG Composition:

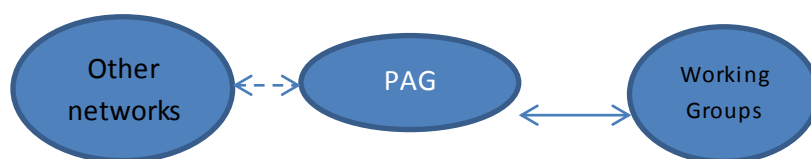
RH-PAG will be hosted by the Mater UQ Centre for Primary Health Care in the first instance which will have responsibility for chairing and secretarial support. RH-PAG will be comprised of senior managers of key organisations, policy makers and experienced clinicians. A representative and a proxy will be nominated from each of the following organisations (listed in alphabetical order):

Organisation
Access Community Services Limited
Amparo
Australian Red Cross
Brisbane North PHN
Brisbane South PHN
Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service – Child and Youth Community Health Service
Darling Downs West Moreton PHN
Department of Health Qld - Strategic Policy and Planning Division

Department of Social Services (DSS)
Gold Coast PHN
GP representative
Mater Health Services: <i>Sponsor – Executive Director of Clinical Support Services</i> <i>Chair - Mater UQ Centre for Primary Health Care Innovation</i> Mater Refugee Complex Care Clinic Mater Integrated Refugee Health Service
Metro North Hospital and Health Service - Public Health Unit
Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services
Metro South Hospital and Health Service - Public Health Unit
Metro South Refugee Health Service
Multicultural Development Association (MDA Ltd)
Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT)
Queensland Transcultural Mental Health
St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane
Toowoomba Refugee Health Service – Kobi House – Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service
West Moreton Hospital and Health Service

Working Groups:

Working groups will be established to operationalise the objectives of RH-PAG. The co-ordination of the working group/s will be supported by the Mater UQ Centre for Primary Health Care Innovation in collaboration with key stakeholders. The working groups will report to RH-PAG and provide feedback on activities. RH- PAG will oversee the working groups including monitoring of outputs to ensure strategic consistency with RH-PAG's objectives.



Reporting and communication:

RH-PAG to meet quarterly and more frequently when indicated by the membership

Minutes and Agenda to be circulated at least one week prior to meetings.