

Disability Network Chair

The CESP HN Disability Network is a forum with wide membership of more than 250 members from across the health and disability sectors, including GPs, allied and community health practitioners, professional bodies, NGOs, NDIA, NSW Ministry of Health, university and hospital representatives, people with disability and their carers.

The Network was established in late 2016, with the aim to facilitate a greater understanding of the health sector's role within the disability sector. It provides a forum to discuss emerging reforms, share understandings and learnings, and explore opportunities to improve integration between health and disability systems.

The role of the Chair is to facilitate the meetings and lead group discussion, encouraging all members of the Network to contribute. The Chair is supported by CESP HN staff who generate the agendas, minutes, communication, and associated documents.

People with lived experience of disability are encouraged to apply. Accommodation requests to complete the EOI are welcome, please reach out to disability@cesphn.com.au

Responsibilities of the Disability Network Chair include:

- Lead group discussions
- Bring relevant expertise and strategic insight to the group
- Support the development of the Network's advocacy role
- Provide balanced, timely advice, working collaboratively with members and considering diverse perspectives.
- Participate in deliberations and discussions and to encourage a range of views
- Identify emerging issues and opportunities to inform future meeting agendas.

Selection criteria:

- Lived experience of disability and/or experience as a carer or support person for someone with disability
- An interest and understanding of current disability reforms and the health care sector.
- Excellent communication skills and ability to make the necessary adjustments to conduct accessible meetings for the members attending with lived experience of disability.
- An understanding of/ or affiliation with the CESP HN Disability Network.

Key attributes:

- Experience in the disability or health sector.
- An understanding of the primary health care environment and experience in communicating with health care professionals and people with lived experience, their families, and carers.
- Strong community networks and good understanding of health issues.
- Ability to actively contribute and challenge in a group environment.
- Strategic thinker and can take a whole-of-system view.
- Previous experience chairing multi-sectoral networks or working groups.

Time commitment:

- Approximately 1.5 hours for the Disability Network Meeting every 3 months. Meetings are held on a Thursday morning from 10am-11.30am.
- Approximately 1-2 hour planning and preparation for each meeting.

Appointment term:

- Representatives will be appointed for 1 year.

Position Overview

Remuneration:

Representatives are reimbursed for their time at the current CESP HN approved Representative rate, if not otherwise salaried/remunerated by other organisations. CESP HN also reimburses any pre-approved, reasonable out of pocket expenses which are incurred in connection with the performance of their role. For more details refer to the EIS Health Representation Policy.

Application process:

To submit your interest please send a cover letter (maximum one-page) along with your CV to disability@cesphn.com.au or contact 02 9304 8739 for further information.

Expressions of interest close 10 April 2026. Applications will be reviewed by a panel, and applicants will be notified of the outcome by 1 May 2026.