



The ALIVE National Research Translation Centre to implement Mental Health Care at Scale in primary care and community settings

## Invitation to Express Interest as a co-chair

The national centre is calling for expressions of interest (EOI) for Co-Chairs with experience of living with mental illness (consumer co-chairs) and carers of people living with mental illness (carer co-chairs).

### Committees and Roles Available

#### **Committees for *the ALIVE Lived-Experience Collective*\* – one consumer committee & one carer committee**

**PURPOSE:** to strengthen lived-experience approaches and models of research within the fabric of the national Centre and its translational goals and, to ensure that a tailored program for research capabilities development is provided for lived-experience researchers across disciplines engaged in mental health research, implementation and translation. To embed lived-experience involvement across all levels and aspects of the Centre, including research governance and management and fosters lived-experience led research models and studies in implementation and translation mental health related research.

**ROLES: 4 Co-Chairs – one consumer committee & one carer committee**

(2 people who lives with mental illnesses - consumer committee - and 2 carers with experience of supporting someone who lives with mental illness – carer committee)

#### **International Scientific Advisory - Committee (ISA-Committee)**

**PURPOSE:** Ensures translation links for the Centre with international researcher communities, fosters knowledge of international advancements in all aspects of mental health research, and provides support for the next generation of mental health researchers (including researchers with lived-experience) to create individual relationships and networks for knowledge translation, integration and exchange activities.

**ROLES: 1 Co-Chair**

(1 person who lives with mental illness)

\*The *ALIVE lived-experience collective* is the new name for the national Centre's stream of work to support the capabilities, mentoring and career pathway development with lived-experience researchers undertaking research in mental health and to foster lived-experience led research. This was formally called the Academy of Lived-Experience, and in early conversations we heard that this naming was problematic for some communities and so the Centre members agreed to this change of name but with the same objectives to support lived-experience researchers.

## Key Dates

Call Opens 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Closing Date 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 (3pm AEST)
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## About - The ALIVE National Research Translation Centre in Mental Health

The national Centre was announced in mid-March 2021 and marks a new era in mental health care in Australia. It is funded for five years (2021-2026) under a NHMRC funded Special Initiative in Mental Health to:

- 1) improve experience of care through more effective and innovative models of care and health system redesign;
- 2) reduce early mortality through evidence-based strategies for addressing physical, behavioural, psychological and other determinants;
- 3) foster innovative, multidisciplinary approaches to mental health by bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders with lived experience and professional expertise to define the issues, provide evidence for solutions, deliver improved health outcomes and outlooks for people living with mental illness; and
- 4) engage and develop the next generation of mental health research leaders.

The Centre's vision is to **reduce the individual, social and economic impacts of mental illness burden and health inequalities by transforming the primary care and community settings to** (1) embed novel preventive life course models, (2) implement mental-physical health tailored models of care with priority populations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and, people who live with severe mental illnesses), and (3) be informed by lived-experience models and leadership.

An Executive Research Leadership Committee (ERLC) meets monthly to oversee Centre research activities and operations, this is co-chaired by the Centre Director Victoria Palmer and lived-experience research lead Michelle Banfield and include research program lead and two representatives from the ALIVE lived-experience collective.

The four existing Networks within the Centre (next gen researchers, co-design living labs, implementation and translation and the alive collective network) report to this Committee, and the IPP-Committee and ISA-Committee also report to this Committee. The ERLC reports to the Independent Governance and Advisory Board, the ERLC communicates information back via the two co-chairs to all committees, networks and the board.

## Purpose of the two lived-experience collective committees

The ALIVE lived-experience collective will have a consumer dedicated and carer dedicated research committee. These committees will assist in development of the research agenda, identification of lived-experience researcher needs, training programs and activities (alongside member input) and identification and scoping of existing models and approaches that inform lived-experience research in Australia.

## Role of the co-chairs

Across each committee and board the role of the Co-Chairs is to ensure that meetings are effectively coordinated, that they keep to time, that all agenda items are discussed and that decisions are discussed

fairly and equitably throughout meetings, and that all members have had the opportunity to share views and be heard.

Co-Chairs support the committee members to achieve the meeting goals. They are familiar with processes and functions of the relevant committee, Co-Chairs may need to meet between meetings to review agendas, ensure the actions from previous meetings have been completed. This will require liaison with the Centre secretariat support officer. Minutes for meetings will be taken by a Centre staff member. Sometimes a smaller working group may need to form according to needs.

## A Note on the numbers of Co-Chairs

The rationale for the appointment of two people with lived-experiences of mental illness, and two carers of someone with a mental illness to each Committee will ensure that at least one Chair with lived-experience is at the committee meeting.

## Terms of Reference

Co-Chairs will be provided with the Terms of Reference (TORs) specific to the Committee ahead of meetings. At the inaugural meeting an orientation to the Centre and a review of the TORs will occur. This will include further details of the planned reports to and from Committees, and time spent setting out values and principles of the Committees and their operations.

## Time Commitments

The Committees for the alive lived-experience collective will meet monthly for 1.5 hours. Zoom or other video conferencing will be used. Meeting papers and agenda items will be available and accessible through password protected access on the Centre's digital platform, the platform will enable communication between committee members and back to the Centre and its leadership groups.

## Remuneration

Co-chairs will be paid in accordance with the Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination for holders of part-time public office, <http://remtribunal.gov.au/offices/part-time-offices>. This is currently \$83.60 per hour or \$418.00 per day (or more than 5 hours). Preparation time is remunerated as is attendance. We note that as a University administered Centre this may require appointments as a casual researcher to facilitate this reimbursement.

## Selection Criteria

All Co-Chairs will have had prior working within research oriented committees and board structures in mental health services, policy, research and/or government settings. There may be similar expertise or matching of some applicants who are newer to committee roles and serving on boards may occur too.

## Lived-Experience Collective Co-Chairs

**The ALIVE Lived-Experience Collective Co-Chairs Role:** Ensures the development and ongoing management of the Centre is driven by lived-experience leaders, academics and researchers. Ensures lived-experience involvement is embedded across all levels and aspects of the Centre, including governance and management.

**Membership to the Committee:** membership will include representation from agencies, government or non-government organisations, or networks engaged in mental health related research, lived-experience led research and researchers with lived-experience.

### Selection criteria

Please write **a paragraph response only** to each of these selection criteria. Demonstrable experience in some or all of the following:

- Prior experience or interest in mental health research, especially knowledge of different research methods used in undertaking research across different settings and paradigms
- Prior experience with other research advisory groups, research committees and/or research governance (large scale initiatives or national committees desirable)
- Demonstrated commitment to respectful interaction with a range of stakeholders, including others with different lived experience perspectives, researchers engaged in mental health research, working collaboratively with clinicians, policy makers, and stakeholders within services
- Ability and willingness to engage in robust discussions and work together to develop shared understandings that progress and advance the lived-experience agenda
- Availability for regular meetings and out-of-session work as required and stipulated in advance depending on availability.

## International Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC) Co-Chairs

**ISA-C Role:** ensures multi-directional translation links for the Centre with international researcher communities, fosters knowledge of international advancements in all aspects of mental health research, and provides support for the next generation of mental health researchers (including lived-experience researchers) to create individual relationships and networks for knowledge translation, integration and exchange activities. The Committee also supports the planning for an annual international showcase of breakthroughs in mental health research.

**Membership:** membership will reflect the diversity of implementation and translation research in mental health that is being conducted internationally in primary care and community settings, some members will be lived-experience researchers who are leading research projects internationally.

### Selection Criteria

- Experience in mental health research across health and social settings
- Knowledge of advancements in mental health research, innovations and breakthrough studies, new methods and approaches
- Ability to lead discussion and facilitate engagement in meetings and support Centre values and objectives
- Can define issues, identify strategic links with international researchers and organisations to enhance translational activities internationally
- Previous experience in a mental health research institute, research focused centre or knowledge integration and translation organisation within or external to university contexts.

### Application Process

Only applicants who address the selection criteria will be considered. In one document, please submit your cover letter, responses to the selection criteria and your resume/CV.

Please submit your application via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJRK2FT>

If you prefer, you can email your application to: [info@alivenetwork.com.au](mailto:info@alivenetwork.com.au)