

FECCA Healthy Ageing Reference Network

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

FECCA seeks to provide a leadership role in ensuring advocacy in healthy and active ageing and aged care policy through:

- membership on the National Aged Care Alliance (NACA);
- membership on the CALD Aged Care Strategy Working Group;
- engagement with the Aged Care Sector Committee; and
- evidence-based input to aged care reform planning and implementation.

FECCA's participation in ageing and aged care policy is underpinned by consultation with consumer representative groups and service providers, as represented by the Healthy Ageing Reference Network (HARN).

OBJECTIVES

HARN supports FECCA in:

- providing a holistic and innovative paradigm of thinking to inform policy, planning and practice development and implementation;
- facilitating engagement with CALD community groups, older CALD people and service providers;
- advocating on behalf of older people from CALD backgrounds;
- identifying issues, and formulating evidence-based advice, for Government; and
- developing initiatives to promote positive outcomes for older people from CALD backgrounds.

MEMBERSHIP

The HARN membership comprises wide-ranging expertise on ageing and aged care in culturally and linguistically diverse communities to ensure a holistic view on the matters within its mandate. The HARN issue expertise includes:

- ethno-specific, multicultural, and generalist care provision for older people from CALD backgrounds;
- culturally appropriate care provision;
- multicultural sector support;
- workforce diversity issues;
- rural and regional issues;
- demographic research;
- intersectional issues, including gender;
- aged and ageing consumer representation;
- dementia in older people from CALD backgrounds; and
- CALD carers and carers of older people from CALD backgrounds.

Membership may be reviewed, as necessary, to address any identified gaps in the HARN expertise.

The Chair of the HARN is appointed by FECCA Chair in consultation with the FECCA Executive.

Ex-officio members are:

- FECCA Chair;
- FECCA representatives on the NACA Working Groups (as appointed by the FECCA Chair in consultation with the FECCA Executive); and
- FECCA representative on the CALD Aged Care Strategy Working Group.

General members will be identified by the FECCA Chair and the HARN Chair, representing expertise as listed above. Members will be appointed by a letter of invitation, and expressions of interest will be considered by the two Chairs. The term will be for 1 year, which can be extended.

Participation is voluntary and no remuneration is payable.

MEETINGS

Meetings will be convened by the Chair of the HARN in consultation with the secretariat, provided by the FECCA Office. HARN will usually meet quarterly by teleconference, and utilise email out of session as required. Where possible, Members will teleconference from a shared location in their State/ Territory.

HARN WORKING GROUP

A HARN Working Group (WG) will be established. The WG will support FECCA in identifying policy priorities in ageing and aged care, and participating in the reforms process, by coordinating the consultation with the HARN.

The WG will be chaired by the Chair of the HARN, and Members will be the FECCA NACA representative (should this be a person other than the Chair of the HARN); the FECCA representative on the CALD Aged Care Strategy Working Group; a representative of the FECCA Executive; and a representative of the FECCA Secretariat.

The WG will meet as required by teleconference, and utilise email out of session as required. Face to face meetings may also be convened as necessary. The HARN members' advice may be sought by WG, as necessary. Where travel is required, reasonable costs will be covered in accordance with FECCA travel protocols.

REVIEW

The Terms of Reference may be reviewed by the FECCA Executive Committee and agreed, as necessary. These Terms of Reference are dated 30 June 2015.