

Health Equity Alliance

Terms of Reference

ABOUT

The Health Equity Alliance brings together non-government organisations, peak organisations, representatives from academia and other interested parties to develop and advance the policy responses needed to improve health outcomes for people experiencing poverty and disadvantage in NSW.

FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Alliance are to:

- provide information and advice on current and emerging health policy issues and initiatives that affect access and equity for vulnerable people and communities;
- provide a forum for education, discussion and debate on health policy issues, with a focus on access and equity;
- help shape NCOSS's health policy positions and advocacy strategies;
- identify shared priorities and opportunities for collaboration, including time limited projects or activities.

The Alliance will act in an advisory capacity only. It does not have delegated decision making authority to take action independent of NCOSS, direct the work of the staff or direct NCOSS policy.

MEMBERSHIP

Subject to the approval of the NCOSS CEO, membership is open to all non-profit organisations with an interest in improving the health of people experiencing poverty and disadvantage in NSW. Members may also include academics and other individuals with relevant expertise.

Efforts will be made to ensure that membership reflects an appropriate mix of expertise in the subject area and representation of specific interests.

Membership is reviewed annually. A list of members is reported to the NCOSS Board.

ADMINISTRATION

- a) Alliance meetings will be chaired by an NCOSS Board or Staff Member or approved delegate.
- b) Meetings will be held a minimum of four times a year, or more frequently if required.
- c) Time specific working groups on particular projects may be convened and delegated to undertake specific actions on behalf of the Alliance.
- d) Other tasks shall be shared by members as determined at Alliance or working group meetings.
- e) NCOSS will provide the secretariat
- f) The Terms of Reference and the Membership will be reviewed annually.

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