

Position Description

Position	Youth Mental Health Lead
Directorate	Service Innovation
Reports to	Manager, Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
Employment Status	Full-time, ongoing
PD Authorised By	Executive General Manager, Service Innovation

About South Eastern Melbourne PHN (SEMPHN)

SEMPHN is a leader, facilitator and influencer towards the shared goal of better primary health care.

We are one of six Primary Health Networks (PHNs) in Victoria, and 31 PHNs across Australia, with around 1.5million residents in our catchment.

Reporting to an independent Board, we are funded primarily by the Australian Government to help people in south east Melbourne get the health care they need, when and where they need it.

We do this by:

- commissioning out-of-hospital services, locally.
- partnering to make quality care more accessible and integrated, and easier to navigate – especially for people who need it most.
- helping primary health care professionals to deliver the best care possible – now, and into the future.
- influencing Government policy on primary health care reform.

Evidence-based practice is the foundation of our work, and we are constantly asking, ‘together, how can we do this even better?’

The Australian Government has seven priority areas for improvement and innovation for primary health: Mental health; Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD); Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health; Aged care; Population health; Health workforce development and Digital health.

In this context, we challenge the status quo and often design things differently, with a very clear goal to measurably improve health. This is the ultimate indicator of our success.

Our Values

SEMPHNs values are at the heart of our work and shape what we do and how we do it.

Our values are Collaboration; Community; Accountability; Respect; Excellence; and Solution focused.

In facing the many opportunities and challenges in our work, our people are exceptional at adapting to evolving needs.

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About the Service Innovation Directorate

Commissioning services across the region that enables SEMPHN to both increase access to primary health care services and shape the system that delivers those services. The Service Innovation directorate will lead this change, providing the essential capacity in service design and contract management necessary for intelligent and efficient commissioning activities.

Job Summary

The commissioning of mental health services in the SEMPHN catchment represents one of the key priorities for the organisation. As such, SEMPHN is looking for an individual that can support the organisation's work in transitioning and redesigning Commonwealth funded mental health services for young people in the catchment.

The Youth Mental Health Lead is responsible for managing the procurement process, and the delivery and ongoing management of commissioned youth mental health services within the Stepped Care model, including headspace centres, headspace Youth Early Psychosis Program, Enhancing Mental Health Support in Secondary Schools and youth severe and complex services. Working with the Manager Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, this role will liaise closely with the commissioned providers to build and maintain relationships and processes to support the management of these contracts.

The role also works with the Service Development Officers that work within the Youth Mental Health team.

The role will work closely with other internal teams across the Service Innovation directorate such as; Contracts, Business Intelligence, Provider Support and external providers and stakeholders to support the implementation of all aspects of the service development and commissioning framework. This includes working collaboratively with our stakeholders and consumers to support the commissioning of youth mental health services through phased strategic and project planning. This role will provide informed advice and recommendations to address gaps in health services, future planning considerations, the co-design of new models of care and the development of relevant outcome frameworks that measure performance and monitor model fidelity of commissioned services.

To effectively drive this change, the Youth Mental Health Lead will be required to work autonomously and effectively with various stakeholders and be flexible, adaptable and open to new ideas and changed priorities. It is expected that you will build and maintain strong relationships with external stakeholders to facilitate change in delivering services and building the capacity of providers to work within the youth mental health stepped care model.

It is essential that the Youth Mental Health Lead brings to the role a strong understanding of the health care system and proven project management skills.

Key Responsibilities

Service Development

- Closely monitor, oversee and manage the commissioned services to ensure high model fidelity to the youth mental health programs and that they deliver the services within agreed operational and contractual deliverables.
- Effectively manage a timeline of tasks and deliverables encompassing the commissioning and procurement of services.
- Work collaboratively with both internal and external stakeholders to deliver on the SEMPHN's organisational obligations and deliverables.

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- Develop and manage efficient and effective evaluation tools to monitor performance.
- Develop and manage efficient processes to support timely reporting and escalation of issues.
- Use evidence-based literature and data to inform and influence change and improvements as well as inform recommendations.
- Lead the service redesign process for Youth Mental Health including the development of new models of primary mental health care that are integrated, flexible and work across the continuum of care in our communities.
- Lead a range of service development initiatives arising through service planning, research and development activities, focusing principally on youth mental health.

Project Management

- High-level project planning, management, evaluation and problem-solving skills, including identification and implementation of workable solutions to problems.
- Lead the development and implementation of key commissioning resources to ensure consistent, comparable and measurable outputs and outcomes.
- Manage a timeline of tasks and deliverables that contribute to the delivery of the program/projects in the most effective and efficient manner for the commissioning of services and contractual deliverables.

Stake Holder Engagement

- Engage with key internal and external stakeholders to promote a shared understanding and application of commissioning processes, including provision of education and development.
- Effectively engage with and build upon stakeholder relationships to lead and manage the co-design and delivery of innovative service models.
- Manage contract performance via effective relationships with organisations delivering commissioned services.
- Escalate presenting issues in a timely manner as well as informed strategies and recommendations.

Research, Planning and Development

- Investigate models of care and make recommendations that inform decisions on future service development of youth mental health initiatives.
- Lead work in the design, development and implementation of new models of care fostering innovation and excellence.
- Effectively conduct evaluations to inform future directions of commissioning processes.
- Participate in planning activities as identified by the Service Innovation team and lead identified activities that support the development of innovative and sustainable solutions.

Team Membership

- Promote, and maintain a positive and collaborative work environment.
- Identify opportunities to integrate and work collaboratively across other programs.
- Maintain effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

Quality

- Actively participate in and contribute to a continuous culture of workplace quality improvement activities.
- Comply with all relevant legislation, regulations and professional standards.

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Workplace Health and Safety

- Take reasonable care for own health and safety.
- Take reasonable care for the health and safety of others including the implementation of risk control measures within their control to prevent injuries or illnesses.
- Comply with all reasonable instruction of their manager/ supervisor to safeguard their health and safety.
- Cooperate with any reasonable SEMPHN's policies and/or procedures including the reporting of OH&S hazards or incidents.

Key Relationships

Internal

- General Manager, Service Innovation
- Manager, Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Service Innovation staff
- Business Intelligence staff
- Senior Leadership team

External

- Youth and adult mental health agencies in the catchment
- Consumers of mental health services in the catchment
- Provider organisations and their management and staff
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Other PHNs

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Key Selection Criteria

Qualifications

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in either clinical, health science or social sciences or equivalent.
- Relevant post graduate degree is desirable.

Skills, Knowledge and Experience

- Demonstrated experience and strong knowledge in youth mental health.
- Experience in working with youth mental health programs/services, and experience with headspace centres would be an asset.
- Strong project management skills and experience in leading projects.
- Demonstrated experience in planning and leading the redesign of programs and commissioning of services while working autonomously.
- Proven ability to identify innovative solutions and influence outcomes to meet agreed objectives.
- Strong analytical problem-solving skills with the ability to analyse issues and provide advice upon which decisions can be based that meet organisational priorities.
- Demonstrated experience in influencing, negotiating and engaging positively with provider organisations to achieve agreed deliverables and contractual obligations.
- Strong stakeholder relationship management skills to support effective systems change with improved health outcomes.
- Demonstrated ability to manage knowledge; be open to new ideas; shares own knowledge, applies knowledge in daily work and builds partnerships for learning and knowledge sharing by promoting collaboration.
- Strong Microsoft Office skills and experience working with databases and shared networking platforms.

Other

- A demonstrable commitment to SEMPHN organisational values.
- Appointable candidate/s will be required to undertake a criminal record check in accordance with the SEMPHN National Police Check policy.
- A current Employee Working with Children (WWC) Card is required and will need to be provided prior to commencement of employment by the applicant.
- All employees of SEMPHN may be required to work across the SEMPHN catchment.
- All SEMPHN staff must take reasonable care for their own health and safety and others.
- All employees of SEMPHN must be permanent residents of Australia or hold a valid employment visa.
- A current Victorian Driver's License is required.
- All employees must abide by SEMPHN policies and procedures as varied from time to time.
- SEMPHN is committed to equal opportunity employment.

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