

# **Position Description**

DES Manager		
The Bridge Employment		
Peninsula ESA		
General Manager The Bridge Employment		
DMS Employment Consultants and Allied Health Practitioner		
To achieve high performance in DMS with a view to increasing performance to gain and maintain a 5-star rating.		
As the DES Manager you are responsible for motivating, guiding and developing staff; while working closely with the Employment Leadership Team to track performance and ensure delivery of a coherent and integrated service to both job seekers and employers.		
The Bridge is a not-for-profit community services organisation which provides a variety of services for youth and people of adult age who have various disabilities and disadvantages.		
Services include open and supported employment, learning and development, leisure and recreation, respite for carers, daytime activities, in-home and community based individualised and shared supports, support coordination and plan management.		
The organisation is progressive, innovative, and continuously strives to improve the quality of the services it offers.		
June 2020		
This Position Description will be reviewed regularly to ensure the position matches the changing needs of The Bridge.		

# **Position Responsibilities**

### **Program Performance**

- Achieves placement and outcome targets identified in performance KPIs for each site
- Quickly implements remedial action if targets are not being met
- Provides regular written reports on site activity and performance to the General Manager as requested.
- Proactively monitor government database and internal CMS to ensure efficient and effective operations for the site teams
- Monitor site caseloads and regularly run reports to check on the adequate servicing of participants and site/team compliance within program requirements
- Maximises opportunity for new placements/business opportunities with existing employers via repeat business
- Maintains thorough knowledge of job opportunities in the local labour market
- Attends webinars and training regarding the DES program and reports back new information to staff
- Ensures staff work in accordance with The Bridge policies, procedures and documentation
- Creates a high-performance culture that treats job seekers with respect and delivers services that motivate job seekers to reach their goals
- Responds to complaints from participants and employers to ensure complaints resolution processes are followed when required
- Attends to staff grievances to ensure grievance resolution processes are followed when required
- Ensures active involvement in the development, implementation and monitoring of business plans
- Drives the implementation of the Strategic Plan and developments in line with future direction planning
- Develops a marketing strategy for Peninsula and surrounds and oversee its implementation

### **Performance Measures**

- Achieves quarterly Placement and Outcome targets as set with the General Manager
- Can demonstrate that remedial action is initiated within two weeks of targets not being met each month
- Evidence of activity and performance reports provided to the General Manager on request
- Can demonstrate appropriate monitoring and follow up of program activities and service delivery by staff/team
- Weekly and Monthly performance reports emailed to staff
- Training records indicate attendance at relevant industry training/forums and subsequent distribution of training information to staff
- Internal and external quality audits indicate that staff work in accordance with The Bridge policies and procedures.
- 100% of participant complaints and staff grievances are responded to in accordance with The Bridge policies and procedures
- General Manager is informed of issues and incidents when required and in a timely manner
- Feedback from participants, staff and other stakeholders indicates effective and appropriate communication at all times
- Strategic objectives are customised and communicated to staff through team and supervision meetings
- Marketing Strategy is effectively implemented

### **Claiming and Employment Outcomes**

- Ensures all claiming responsibilities are completed for DES
- Completes placement anchors, ensuring all checks are completed prior to anchoring.
- Ensures staff complete program tasks within required timeframes
- Drafts and monitors Wage Subsidy claims, follows up with relevant staff as appropriate and maintains electronic records of associated paperwork
- 100% of placements anchored have had all required checks completed.
- 100% Employment Outcomes (4, 13, 26 and 52 weeks) are claimed within the designated timeframes and in accordance with DES requirements
- Claims 100% of Education Outcomes when required
- Claims 100% of Wage Subsidies when required

# Position Responsibilities Ensures documentary evidence confirming participant employment or education is maintained and meets DES contractual guidelines. Processes Special Claims as required. Ensures staff document tracking of relevant placements, Replaceable and Unreplaceable Drops Follows DES guidelines and The Bridge Employment procedures to ensure compliance with DES program

### **Performance Measures**

- 100% EAF reimbursements are claimed
- Claims Ongoing Support when required
- External and internal reviews indicate sufficient evidence for all claims
- Can demonstrate Special Claims meet Departmental requirements

# **Staff Leadership and Management**

- Provides an environment conducive to high performance by providing strong leadership that ensures a safe and healthy work environment, clear position descriptions and performance expectations, appropriate training and development and regular performance reviews
- Participates in staff recruitment activities as required in conjunction with the Workforce Development.
- Provides staff induction, development and training to ensure staff have full contractual and procedural knowledge
- Coordinates weekly ESS staff meetings.
- Undertakes monthly Support and Supervision meetings with each staff member to provide support and feedback regarding their performance
- Undertakes an annual Staff Performance Review process (MeMe) with staff and monitors progress towards identified goals throughout the year
- Conducts performance improvement and disciplinary action processes with staff members as required in consultation with the Workforce Relations Advisor
- Supports staff to participate in suitable staff development and learning opportunities within the Staff Development budget in conjunction with Workforce Development
- Takes responsibility for team building and fostering effective communication between staff
- Facilitates the resolution of workplace conflict
- Works collaboratively to achieve operational and organisational goals
- Demonstrates a flexible attitude and a willingness to assist fellow staff when required or authorised

- Recruitment and Induction processes are in accordance with The Bridge HR policies and procedures
- Staff Induction Checklist completed
- Can provide evidence that weekly team meetings have been held covering relevant information and service priorities.
- Staff training records reflect appropriate staff development
- Evidence of monthly supervision meetings with staff (meeting minutes)
- Evidence of MeMe completed in accordance with The Bridge's Performance Review Policy and Procedure
- File notes indicate disciplinary discussions and written warnings are conducted in accordance with The Bridge's Disciplinary Action Policy
- Staff have identified training that is scheduled onto the organisational training plan following the MeMe review each year
- Demonstrate efforts made to foster team collaboration and functioning
- Employee feedback indicates an effective working relationship and good communication

### Administration

- Collects, records, maintains and evaluates all required data in accordance with The Bridge Employment policies and procedures and Government funding requirements
- Monitors and amends documentation as required to comply with policies and procedures
- All records are current and meet all relevant departmental and program guidelines and procedures

### **Position Responsibilities**

- Review staff requests for purchases to an expenditure limit of \$1,000 per item
- Fortnightly review of staff timesheets for processing
- Approve staff requests for leave
- Manage site petty cash
- Liaise with General Manager to ensure DMS program expenditure and income is within approved budget
- Respond or report site equipment or resourcing issues
- Completes participant records for annual census

### **Performance Measures**

- 100% of revised and new documents are accurate and appropriately formatted
- Participant purchases are approved in accordance with policy
- Timesheets and leave forms are reviewed/approved each fortnight
- Monthly accounts are within budget
- Demonstrated resolution of site/staff resources and equipment issues within budget
- Annual census records are completed each year as required.

### **Teamwork**

- Responds to staff queries in an appropriate and timely manner
- Works collaboratively to achieve operational and organisational goals
- Participates in team activities and attends staff meetings as scheduled
- Demonstrates a flexible attitude and a willingness to assist fellow staff when required or authorised
- Works with the team to respond to complaints from customers to ensure complaints resolution processes are followed when required
- Feedback indicates a collaborative approach with other team members and organisational staff
- Can demonstrate that internal and external emails are responded to in a timely manner and as required
- Demonstrated ability to resolve grievances (as necessary) in accordance with organisational procedures

## **Quality Service Provision and OHS**

- Compliance with Quality Standards, program contracts and relevant departmental Service Guarantees and Codes of Practice
- Maintains a high standard of occupational health and safety by actively cooperating with Occupational Health and Safety guidelines
- Ensures incidents are notified within SIRR and maintains a reporting culture
- Participates in internal audits and the annual external audit as appropriate and identifies solutions to operational problems
- Shows evidence of reasonable steps taken to comply with OHS guidelines

# **Performance Management and Professional Development**

- Participation in the organisation's Management, Engagement, Motivation and Empowerment Program (MeMe)
- Completion of employee development tasks as outlined in the MeMe
- Attendance at mandatory training scheduled throughout the year
- Maintains up to date knowledge and skills relevant to the position
- Annual development of 4-6 SMART goals that reflect position description duties and business unit goals
- Documented notes confirming participation in scheduled support and supervision meetings. Follow up activities from meetings are completed within required timelines
- A completed MeMe reflecting an annual review of performance in relation to set goals

### **Position Responsibilities**

Performance Measures

### **Organisations Values and/or Core Competencies**

The successful applicant needs to be professional in both attitude and presentation, flexible and a focused team player with demonstrated personal initiative requiring minimal supervision.

As a DES Manager you must uphold the organisation's Code of Conduct and keep abreast of industry

All staff must foster and maintain a culture reflective of the organisations vision and mission.

### **Key Selection Criteria**

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- Comprehensive DES knowledge and management experience/qualifications
- Proven ability to lead, inspire, motivate and build rapport with staff to achieve positive results.
- Demonstrated ability to set priorities and to achieve outcomes in a performance driven environment
- Ability to maintain accurate records (electronic and paper-based) and to understand and implement contract requirements and guidelines within a compliance framework
- Highly developed communication and leadership skills with the ability to work collaboratively with The Bridge Employment management team, staff and participants
- Proven ability to communicate with Government and Peak bodies to support & strengthen the DMS program
- Experience developing, building and maintaining strong relationships with employers, Centrelink, other referring agencies, industry groups, community organisations and other key stakeholders to grow business
- Excellent time management and organisational skills
- Possession of a current Victoria Drivers Licence
- Desirable: Tertiary qualification in Business Management
- Previous experience in Management of multiple sites would be an advantage

### **Other Information**

The position is full time 38 hours per week. There may be a requirement to work from different offices within south east Melbourne.

The position is subject to a successful Disability Workers Exclusion Scheme check, Criminal History Check and Reference Check.

This role is only available to Australian residents or to those who hold the right to work in Australia.

Employee Signature	Date	
Manager Signature	Date	