



Advisory Group

Terms of Reference and Membership

The Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research, CQUniversity has established the CDFVR Advisory Group to provide independent and expert advice to the CDFVR Director on strategic directions and sector priorities for research, evaluation, professional development and community engagement. The role of the Advisory Group does not relate to the management of CDFVR, and it is not a decision-making body. CDFVR will make decisions based on the advice of the CDFVR Advisory Group and in light of the results of applying the 4R decision-making process, set out in the CDFVR strategic plan.

The CDFVR Advisory Group will:

- contribute to CDFVR's triennial strategic planning process to discuss emerging issues and identify priorities for future CDFVR work at a face-to-face meeting in Mackay;
- meet up to 3 times per year by teleconference to discuss relevant issues and provide feedback and advice; and
- act as a 'sounding board' for CDFVR staff, via email communication, as needed on matters such as suitable dates and/or venues for proposed events; draft content and design of fact sheets; and professional development activities, including training programs.

Membership of the CDFVR Advisory Group will comprise representatives of the following networks:

- CDFVR's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group
- Queensland Domestic Violence Services Network
- Domestic Violence Court Assistance Network
- Services and Practitioners for the Elimination of Abuse Qld
- Combined Women's Refuge Group (SEQ)
- Central Queensland Combined Women's Refuge Group
- North Queensland Women's Services Network
- Queensland Sexual Assault Network

At the discretion of the CDFVR Director, membership will also include other organisations and individuals with specific expertise relevant to CDFVR's core functions.

The CDFVR Advisory Group will operate for the term of the current funding agreement between CQUniversity and the Department of Communities (term ends 30 April 2013). Membership will be confirmed annually, providing networks with an opportunity to share this representative role among several of its members over the three-year term.

CDFVR will not be able to pay sitting fees or otherwise recompense agencies or individuals for participation in the CDFVR Advisory Group. It will, however, meet the costs of:

- travel and accommodation required for attendance at the face-to-face meeting in Mackay; and
- teleconferences.

**Membership of CDFVR Advisory Group
As at 30 March 2010**

Network	Representative's name
CDFVR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group	Shirley Slann
Queensland Domestic Violence Services Network (QDVSN)	Amanda Lee-Ross
Domestic Violence Court Assistance Network (DVCAN)	Gen
NQ Women's Services Network (NQWSN)	Heather Selke
CQ Combined Women's Refuge Group (CQCWRG)	Kathy Cave
Combined Women's Refuge Group (SEQ) CWRG SEQ	Tracey Amos
Services & Practitioners Eliminating Abuse Qld (SPEAQ)	Lee Williams
Q'ld Sexual Assault Network (QSAN)	Karin Cheyne
Organisation	Representative's name
Immigrant Women's Support Service (IWSS)	Stephanie Anne
Elder Abuse Prevention Unit (EAPU)	Chris Procopis
Mackay & District Australian South Sea Islander Association (MADASSIA)	Pam Viti
SISTER'S INSIDE	Debbie Kilroy
Women with Disabilities Australia (WWDA)	Donna Justo
Individuals	
Betty Taylor, Trainer	
Assoc. Professor Heather Douglas, Academic	
Jenny Binsiar, Community Development Worker	