



Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service Inc

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Suicide Prevention Project Worker
Reports To:	Programs Manager
Term of Employment:	Part Time, 3 days per week (negotiable days and hours) until 30 June 2019
Award:	Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Award 2010
Classification;	Aboriginal Health Worker
Salary:	As per contract.

<i>Position Approval</i>	Approved: HR Manager
<i>Updated: 27/8/18</i>	Date: 27/8/18

ORGANISATION

Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service Inc. (AWAHS) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation. AWAHS provides first class Primary Health Care Services to the Aboriginal community who reside in Albury / Wodonga and surrounding areas. As a Bulk Billing Health Service there is no charge to our clients for the medical services provided.

VISION STATEMENT

To provide comprehensive quality health and family services based on respect for Aboriginal Culture.

POSITION PURPOSE

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy has been developed to address and reduce the rate of suicide within Aboriginal communities the Victorian Suicide Prevention Framework 2016-25 also supports a strong and concerted effort to reduce suicide.

The Murry Primary Health Network (PHN) have identified targeted suicide prevention activities in the Aboriginal community, as key priority areas. As a member of the Murray PHN, AWAHS are committed to community based suicide prevention.

This Project will:

- Facilitate community consultation with the Aboriginal community to assist in identifying barriers and the development of community based interventions, which strengthen and build resilience to support suicide prevention.
- Align with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy priority action areas 1 and 2:
 - Building strengths and capacity in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
 - Build strength and resilience in individuals and families.
- Work with the Hospital Outreach Post-Suicidal Engagement (HOPE) to connect with the Aboriginal community in the Wangaratta region.
- Build capacity within the community to contribute to suicide prevention planning and to achieve better coordination of support services.
- Enhance greater understanding and respect of Aboriginal culture and the holistic view of health and wellbeing, while harnessing the skills and strengths of local Aboriginal people and community.
- Leverage off earlier service pathways and assertive outreach work undertaken as a part of the HOPE project in Benalla.
- Assist in building the capacity of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to contribute to the HOPE project and suicide prevention planning through:
 - Building safety in the community through suicide prevention education
 - Building confidence in the mental health service pathway through identifying current barriers to service.
- Work with service providers to address identified barriers to accessing services and work towards developing cultural competency.

RELATIONSHIPS

Supervision

The position reports directly to the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program Manager of AWAHS.

Internal

The Project Worker will work collaboratively with all other team members of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) team and the broader AWAHS team.

External

The Project Worker will be expected to liaise with key stakeholders who are involved with suicide prevention issues affecting our local Aboriginal community and will include other local Aboriginal Organisations.

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

- Hold collaborative meetings with the HOPE program, to identify issues and barriers to service for the Aboriginal community
- Conduct a minimum of two consultation sessions with the Aboriginal community on issues and barriers to suicide prevention and participate in primary care services.
- Identify sustainable activities which will continue to build the resilience of the Wangaratta Aboriginal community.
- Conduct a minimum of two suicide prevention education sessions with the Aboriginal community in Wangaratta.
- Link with the Benalla Suicide Prevention project for support and guidance.
- Work with service providers and HOPE to conduct Cultural Safety audits to assess and build capacity of mainstream services.
- To undertake further training and education to maintain best practice.
- Any other reasonable duties as directed by the Program Manager.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Diploma in Community Services or other health related field.
- Experience in communicating effectively with the local Aboriginal community in a non-discriminative and professional manner.
- Demonstrated experience in community engagement, community development event co-ordination and event management.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills, the highest standards of personal integrity, collaborative working style and excellent time management skills.
- Current Drivers License
- Successful National Police Records Check and Working with Children Check

DECLARATION

Declaration

I acknowledge that I have read the Position Description and understood its contents and agree to work in accordance with the requirements of the position. I understand and accept that I must comply with the policies and procedures of the Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service Inc.

Surname: _____ Given Names: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____