

Capital Health Network Limited

Election of Directors 2022

Statement addressing the position requirements for Director position B2

Candidate name (please print):	Julie Blackburn
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Candidates for positions are invited to provide a short statement of **no more than 500 words** supporting their candidature for the Director positions. Statements will be posted with the ballot papers and will appear on the Capital Health Network website. Election statements should provide a brief profile of the candidate including relevant qualifications and experience and address the position requirements as set out in the Election Notice Vacancy. Statements must be ethical, be able to be substantiated, and not be defamatory, and shall be approved by the Returning Officer. As a general rule, the Returning Officer will not correct spelling or grammatical errors, only the presentation may be amended for publication purposes. The use of this pro-forma is not essential.

1. Primary health care clinician skills (Note: nominations must be accompanied by appropriate supporting evidence that the nominee for election possesses the necessary qualifications, registrations and/or competencies to occupy this Director position)

I am an experienced and current Midwife and Registered Nurse.

As a Registered Midwife I provide clinical primary health care via antenatal education and postnatal care. Additionally, I have designed and delivered research based antenatal programs that promote positive parent engagement for health, wellbeing and resilience in families. The programs specifically address and aim to reduce postnatal depression and family violence. As a Registered Nurse I provide education on primary health care and practice-based learning support to undergraduate nursing students through employment as a Lecturer of Nursing at University of Canberra.

(certificates of registration attached)

2. Demonstrated ability to contribute to the Board's strategic thinking

I am currently a Non-Executive Director for the Capital Health Network (since 2019), and Karralika Programs Inc (since 2014)

In 2019, I was appointed to the Board of Directors for Capital Health Network (Chair since 2020). With the Board, I provide oversight and accountability for company policy, financial reporting, internal control systems, risk management systems, and internal and external audit functions; approving budget and business plans and participating in strategic planning and development of risk frameworks. During my appointment I have actively participated in internal and external audits, strategy planning days, creation of risk appetite frameworks, Ministerial engagements and media events, and the recruitment and appointment of the CEO and other Directors to the company. I was appointed as the Chair of the Board in 2020 and remain current in this role.

In 2014, I joined the Board of Directors for Karralika Programs. I am also the Public Officer and Deputy Chair. In this role, I provide oversight and accountability for policy, finances and risk management to ensure quality support to ACT adults and families via a range of alcohol and drug programs and services.

Previous Board appointments include Defence health Ltd (Private Health Insurance) 2011-2019, in which I was also a member of the Risk and Audit and Compliance committees, and Defence Health Foundation 2011-2019 (Chair from 2013-2019), responsible for awarding grants to suitable medical research designed to improve the health and wellbeing of the Defence community. This role required considerable stakeholder engagement and liaison with Scientific Advisory Committee.

3. Demonstrated ability to provide strong leadership on the Board, acting with integrity and high ethical standards

As Chair of the Capital Health network, I provide leadership to the Board, acting with integrity and maintaining high ethical standards at all times. My role includes planning and facilitating Board meetings and AGM; supporting the Chief Executive Officer; accompanying CEO to Ministerial and Department of Health meetings; collaborating with interstate Primary Health Care Networks; and providing media representation for the organisation when needed. The Capital Health Network has overcome significant internal and external challenges over the past three years. It's ability to pivot quickly in order to meet the Primary Health needs that have risen in the Canberra Community, whilst strengthening stakeholder engagement and improving the culture of the organisation has been significant. Whilst these successes are contributable to the hard work of the CEO, senior management team and a committed workforce, my input to the Board has also played a role in this.

Aside from Chair experiences mentioned above - from 2009-2014 I led Defence Families of Australia (DFA) – the Ministerially-appointed group representing the interests of Australian Defence Force families. This role required me to provide the Minister for Defence Personnel, Defence Service Chiefs and leaders of key Defence stakeholder organisations with expert consultation and advisory support via meetings, executive committees, policy reviews, training courses and input into reviews and enquiries on issues of concerns to families including health and wellbeing. Under my leadership DFA achieved amendments to legislation and several significant changes to policies affecting families including recognition of family needs within mental health programs and reforms. My work was recognised by a nomination for the 2013 Australian of the Year award.

From 2014-2018, I was appointed to the ACT Ministerial Advisory Council for Women (MACW), and member to the ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Strategy Evaluation Group. I provided quality leadership and fostered credible professional relationships with senior policy makers and Ministers.

Successes in all of these roles have been a result of my stewardship and ethical leadership, acting with integrity and maintaining high standards at all times.

4. Appropriate governance qualifications (for example, completion of the Australian Institute of Company Directors training or equivalent).

I am a graduate of both the AICD Company Director and Mastering the Boardroom courses. I have been a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors since 2011, and maintain annual CPD requirements.

NOTE: 500 word maximum