

ARE WE WHERE WE NEED TO BE?

## Healthcare and Homelessness National Roundtable

Date Claimer - Brisbane  
Thursday 24 May 2012

Micah Projects, Mater Health Services and the Australian Common Ground Alliance would like to invite you to a National Roundtable discussion on Healthcare and Homelessness with Dr Jim O'Connell from Boston's Healthcare for the Homeless Program.



Dr Jim O'Connell

Dr Jim O'Connell is a leading international expert in the field and was a founding member of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless in 1985 after completing his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr O'Connell is still a practitioner with the outreach team on the streets of Boston, manages clinical hospital based programs and is an advocate for public policies and programs to address the needs of people who are homeless and marginalised both on the streets and when housed. Dr O'Connell is also very involved in health reform debates and discussions in the USA. To see more visit [www.bhchp.org](http://www.bhchp.org)

**The aim of the roundtable is to bring together senior representatives from government and non government health, community and housing sectors to engage in facilitated discussions with Dr Jim O'Connell.** These discussions will focus on models of integrated healthcare for people who are homeless and/or low income tenants who are vulnerable due to their mental illness and other significant physical and social health problems.

The Vulnerability Index Survey based on Dr Jim O'Connell's research has now been used in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Hobart, and is planned for the Nepean/Blacktown region in New South Wales and Perth. The national roundtable will also provide an opportunity to discuss key findings from the Vulnerability Index Survey and subsequent national implications for health reform.

**To register your interest:**

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