**Dear [Insert Name of Organization or Partner],**

We would like to tell you a little more about our PRIDE CARES Center at the University of South Carolina Patient Engagement Studio. **PRIDE-CARES** (**P**atient-**R**esponsive **I**nitiatives for **D**iverse **E**ngagement – LGBTQ+ **C**ommunity **A**ction in **R**esearch to **E**liminate **S**ubstance Use Disorder) **Center’** is a 5-year National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded multi-disciplinary patient engagement resource center that is focused on engaging community members in research on substance use disorder (SUD) within the LGBTQ+ community.

**Why are we reaching out for you?** We believe you [or your organization] would be a key partner in spreading out the word.

**Who are we looking for?** We are looking for up to 20 individuals to serve on a nationwide virtual panel. The panel, which will be called the “ViP Engagement Panel”, will actively engage in and inform the design and interpretation of SUD research that will reflect SGM patients’ needs, preferences, and priorities. The ViP Engagement Panel will be comprised of *individuals with lived experience with SUD, family or friends who are caregivers of individuals living with SUD, healthcare providers, and peer to peer specialists or counselors.*

Please circulate the attached flyer to individuals, community partners, or stakeholders who may be interested in being a part of this exciting project. To learn how candidates can apply, and to register for the information meeting, please visit our project webpage <https://sc.edu/about/centers_institutes/patient_engagement_studio/pride-cares/>.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Program Manager, Katie Parris ([Kaparris@greenvillemed.sc.edu](mailto:Kaparris@greenvillemed.sc.edu)).

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

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