



Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Practice
Chinese Medicine
Chiropractic
Dental
Medical
Medical Radiation Practice
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Occupational Therapy
Optometry
Osteopathy
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Communique

April 2019

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group

The strategy group is co-Chaired by Professor Gregory Phillips, CEO of ABSTARR Consulting and Ms Julie Brayshaw, Chair of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia.

The group met on 15 April to review the strategy.

Members discussed:

1. changes to National Law to include an objective and principle referencing cultural safety.
2. seeking feedback on the draft *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy* from Boards and Accreditation Authorities before the 22 July 2019 Strategy Group meeting.
3. priorities for the next year in implementing work activities within the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy* and the need to map out activities across the five-year plan.
4. the need to improve the level of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioner members across all National Boards and revisit existing 3% target.
5. commitment to share Communiques with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Standing Committee (NATSIHSC) and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Leadership Group (NATSIMLH) and relevant key leadership groups.
6. an update on the procurement process seeking cultural safety training providers for AHPRA, National Boards and their Committees and Accreditation Authorities.
7. new membership onto the Strategy Group welcoming three new Aboriginal members, Dr Hannah McGlade (Medical Board of Australia), Linda Renouf (Paramedicine Board of Australia) and Dr Jessa Rogers (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia).
8. refreshing the *Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2020* and the preference to advance to *Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan* in 2021.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 22 in Brisbane.

Attendees

- Prof Gregory Phillips, ABSTARR Consulting (Co-chair)
- Julie Brayshaw, Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (Co-chair)
- Prof Noel Hayman, Southern Queensland Centre of Excellence
- Kirrilaa Johnstone, NATSIWHA
- Marni Tuala, CATSINaM
- Luke Taylor, Podiatry Council of NSW
- Christopher O'Brien, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council of NSW
- Dr Anne Tonkin, Medical Board of Australia
- Renee Owen, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Practice Board of Australia
- Dr Lynette Cusack, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

- Marion Hale, Psychology Board of Australia
- Tanja Hirvonen, Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association
- Tania Dalton, Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association
- Dr Sabine Hammond, Australian Indigenous Psychology Education Project (proxy for Pat Dudgeon)
- Mary Guthrie, Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association
- Ailsa Wood, Chiropractic Board of Australia
- Darlene Cox, AHPRA Community Reference Group
- Jacqui Gibson-Roos, Australian Dental Council
- Narelle Mills, Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum
- Prof Roianne West, Griffith University
- Allan Groth, Indigenous Allied Health Association (proxy for Donna Murray)
- Eliza Collier, AHPRA
- Kym Ayscough, AHPRA
- Jill Humphreys, AHPRA
- Chris Robertson, AHPRA
- Martin Fletcher, AHPRA
- Anita Rivera, AHPRA
- Jayde Fuller, AHPRA
- Lorelei Aguirre (observer), AHPRA

Apologies

- Pat Turner, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation