



Intellectual Disability Health Education and Training Expert Advisory Group Meeting Summary – 30 March 2023

Introduction

The Chair, Dr Anne-marie Boxall, welcomed members to the sixth meeting of the Intellectual Disability Health Education and Training Expert Advisory Group (Advisory Group) and gave an Acknowledgment of Country.

The Chair read the confidentiality declaration and asked members if they had additional conflicts to declare other than those already provided to the Secretariat. No additional conflicts were declared.

Action items from the 9 November 2022 Advisory Group meeting were noted. There were two action items from the previous meeting relating to the draft intellectual disability health core capabilities. The Chair thanked Advisory Group members for providing feedback on the core capabilities, noting further information on progress to developing the intellectual disability health core capabilities would be presented by the Framework Drafting Group (Drafting Group) during the meeting. Members had no further comments on action items or the previous meeting summary.

Update on the Curriculum Development Project

Project website

The Department advised of the establishment of the Curriculum Development project [webpage](#) hosted on the Department of Health and Aged Care's public website. The webpage includes information on the project timeline, the Advisory Group, the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework (the Framework) and associated resources.

Evaluation

The Department advised that the external evaluation team for the Project, Abt Associates, are in the initial stages of preparing their interim evaluation report. Abt will be engaging with members of the Advisory Group, Drafting Group, and people with lived experience to review the process undertaken in developing the core capabilities. Key findings and recommendations of the interim report will inform the ongoing development and implementation of the Framework.

Intellectual disability health resources to support the capability Framework

Members were informed of a recent limited Approach to Market. The successful supplier will be required to undertake accreditation standards mapping, and development and curation of intellectual disability health education resources. These resources will support the implementation and integration of the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework in accreditation standards and health professional pre-registration education curricula. Advisory Group members will be notified of the successful applicant.

Update on the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework

The Drafting Group presented on the progress in developing the intellectual disability health core capabilities. The purpose of this item was to provide an overview of the results from the open consultation, subsequent revisions made to the capabilities and the methodology used to undertake the modified Delphi method. Advisory Group member feedback, provided following the last meeting, was incorporated into the core capabilities ahead of the open consultation.

Open Consultation findings

The open consultation survey commenced on 22 November 2022 and closed on 27 January 2023. There were 93 responses to the survey and respondents included people with lived experience, health services, peak bodies, education providers and groups representing and specialising in serving those with intellectual disabilities.

The Drafting Group discussed key changes made to the core capabilities in response to the consultation. This included the addition of new capabilities, capabilities that were removed and capabilities that moved across capability areas. The Drafting group also highlighted wording changes, following feedback from the open consultation. For example, capability area *3.5 Inclusion in care*, 'Inclusion' was changed to 'Partnership'. 'Partnership' was preferred over 'inclusion' because it conveys respectful involvement where both parties are equal participants in care and minimised power differentials.

New capabilities that were **added** following the consultation include:

- Appropriate assessment (Quality Evidence-Informed Health Care)
- Safe and quality practices (Responsible, Safe and Ethical Practice).

Capabilities that were **removed** following the consultation include:

- Strengths-based approach (Quality Evidence-Informed Health Care).

Capabilities that were **moved** following the consultation include:

- Health literacy for people with intellectual disability and their support networks (Coordination and Collaboration à Quality Evidence-Informed Health Care).

Feedback from the open consultation also highlighted specific areas for learning outcome development and implementation guidance that will be considered as the development of the Framework continues.

Delphi

The final refinement of the core capabilities will be through a modified Delphi method being undertaken to reach final consensus on the core capabilities. The drafting group advised that an appropriate number of experts have registered to participate in the Delphi. It is anticipated that 2 to 3 rounds of feedback will be needed to reach consensus. The first round closed on 27 March 2023, with analysis currently in progress.

Next steps

Advisory Group members were asked what else should be considered when designing the Framework to ensure its success, including examples of frameworks they have used or read that are particularly well structured.

Discussion

Members raised the following issues:

- When considering ways to enhance implementation of the Framework, creating a community for discussion through online workshops or events would be beneficial.
- In designing the Framework, ensure First Nations people are directly engaged to ensure cultural safety is appropriately addressed throughout the Framework.
 - Suggested stakeholder included, the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) and Leaders in Indigenous medical education (LIME).
- People with intellectual disability are key to promoting implementation and uptake of the Framework.
- There is a perceived expectation that all capabilities will apply to all health professions. The Drafting group advised that the Framework will further nuance the core concept of the capabilities as applicable to health professions but will come back to members later in the year to ensure the Framework captures opportunities to integrate the core capabilities with existing resources and capability expectations.

Any other business

No other business was raised by members.

The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held in June or July of 2023. A date will be confirmed by the Secretariat.

Next Steps/Action Items

Reference	Action Item
230330-1	The Department and Drafting Group to consider further engagement with First Nations people/groups.
230330-2	Advisory Group members to provide the secretariat with examples of Frameworks with components that would be beneficial in designing the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework