



FIRST NATIONS HEALTH FUNDING TRANSITION ADVISORY GROUP

Communique

16 November 2023

The First Nations Health Funding Transition Advisory Group met virtually on 16 November 2023. The meeting was chaired by David Hicks, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Financial Management Division, Department of Health and Aged Care.

Project update

Members used the meeting to discuss the progress of the project to date.

Following the outcome of the Voice to Parliament referendum, the Chair reaffirmed the Government's commitment to listening and working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities to achieve better health outcomes.

Members discussed the scope of the project and noted the importance of focussing on identifying those First Nations programs not currently being implemented by First Nations led organisations. Members agreed that this was an important priority and should be the primary focus for future discussions. Members discussed the proposed sector capability building framework and noted that organisational capability will continue to be assessed as part of standard grant processes, consistent with the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines. As such, work on this framework has been paused.

The next Advisory Group meeting will focus on reviewing an initial analysis of programs and sub-programs across the Department. The meeting will be hybrid, with members to attend in person where possible.

First Nations voices will continue to be centred throughout the review.

Engagement and Further Information

Organisations and individuals seeking to engage with the review should feel comfortable to reach out to Advisory Group members. Further information on the review is available by emailing: funding.transition@health.gov.au.