



## Australian Government

### Department of Health and Aged Care

#### ALLIED HEALTH INDUSTRY REFERENCE GROUP

#### MEETING ELEVEN: 4 JUNE 2024 - SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

The Australian Government Chief Allied Health Office convened the eleventh Allied Health Industry Reference Group (AHIRG) meeting on 4 June 2024.

#### Topics discussed:

- Allied health Digital Roadmap
  - Allied Health Professions Australia and the Australian Digital Health Agency gave an update on work that is being undertaken in collaboration with the Department of Health and Aged Care to support inclusion and uptake of digital health across the allied health sector.
  - This included discussion on the National Digital Health Strategy and the Strategy Delivery Roadmap.
- Update on the Commonwealth Chief Allied Health Officer (CAHO) and National Allied Health Workforce Strategy (NAHWS)
  - Members noted that recruitment of the new CAHO is almost complete.
  - Members discussed progress to date on the NAHWS:
    - The Health Workforce Taskforce has agreed to recognise the AHIRG as an Advisory Group for the National Allied Health Workforce Strategy.
    - AHIRG members have been issued an invitation to form this Advisory Group as a time-limited function.
    - An allied health environmental scan is being undertaken by the Australian National University.
    - Stakeholder consultations have commenced. A survey and draft outline of the NAHWS was uploaded to the consultation hub site on 29 May 2024 and will be open until 9 July 2024.
    - A series of webinars are being planned for the second half of the year with allied health stakeholders.
- Richard Nankervis from the Primary Health Network Steering Team provided an update on the implementation of the National Primary Health Network Allied Health in Primary Care Engagement Framework.
- Members discussed issues stemming from the different regulatory approaches for the allied health professional and assistant workforce.

**Actions Register**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Officer</b>	<b>Status</b>
M10, 05/03/24	The Australian Government will look to bring an agenda item on intersecting health reforms to the next Allied Health Industry Reference Group meeting, to provide greater transparency on reforms influencing the National Allied Health Workforce Strategy.	Commonwealth CAHO	It was decided to postpone this item until after the response to the Disability Royal Commission and NDIS Review is released