



FIRST NATIONS HEALTH FUNDING TRANSITION ADVISORY GROUP

Communique

30 October 2024

The First Nations Health Funding Transition Advisory Group met virtually on 30 October 2024. The meeting was chaired by Dr Dawn Casey, Deputy CEO, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

First Nations Health Funding Transition Program Review

Advisory Group members reviewed the First Nations Health Funding Transition Program in alignment with its Terms of Reference. Key findings showed that members have enjoyed working together to effectively lead and guide the transition work. Members strongly encouraged the Department to actively implement transition to build the Aboriginal community-controlled sector's confidence in this work, by providing a clear transition roadmap that fosters sector engagement.

Transition roadmap

A transition roadmap for 32 programs is being refined to ensure transition timeframes align with current and upcoming program evaluations, re-design and proposed grant opportunities. Members will focus on monitoring roadmap implementation updates at all future meetings and share progress updates with the sector. Roadmap implementation updates will incorporate transition status, lessons learned, highlight successful transition activities and identify areas requiring additional focus.

Population-based programs

Members discussed an approach to review 85 population-based programs to be reasonably targeting First Nations health outcomes that were (identified in Stage 1 of the program). While population-based programs are not expected to be specifically transitioned to First Nations-led organisations, a review aims to consider opportunities to ensure they effectively meet the needs of First Nations peoples and communities. Members identified key priority program areas for the review, including programs supporting health workforce, mental health and suicide prevention, men's health, and cancer services. Members acknowledged this is a long-term and ongoing body of work to continue to develop a culturally safe health system.

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.