



Multicultural Health Advisory Group

Meeting: 17 September 2025

The Multicultural Health Advisory Group (Advisory Group) convened for their second meeting of the year on Wednesday 17 September 2025.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (department) welcomed members back for the second meeting for 2025.

The department thanked members for their valuable feedback on the draft 2025 work plan and provided a summary of the updates to incorporate their feedback. The work plan remains a live and iterative document that will continue to evolve throughout the Advisory Group's term.

The Primary Care and Workforce Reviews Taskforce (taskforce) provided a brief outline on the four Strengthening Medicare Reviews delivered to the Australian Government in late 2024. These reports included recommendations to enhance primary care and the health workforce. The taskforce invited feedback from members on how best to support multicultural patients and consumers in accessing primary care, with a particular focus on funding and models of care. Members shared insights and recommendations from a multicultural perspective.

The Social Policy Group (SPG) presented their consultation paper on Artificial Intelligence (AI) clinical guidance and workforce considerations for CALD populations. SPG, together with its auspiced Migrant and Refugee Health Partnership (MRHP), is developing clinical guidance to support the safe and responsible use of AI in healthcare when working with CALD, migrant and refugee-like populations, aligned with the principles of the *National Preventive Health Strategy 2021-2030*. Preliminary consultations have identified key themes including addressing cultural safety in AI, language equity, and clinician accountability. Members were invited to contribute via survey and email, and to express interest in participating in a focus group to support the development of the guidance.

The Multicultural Centre for Women's Health presented results from the evaluation of the Health in My Language (HiML) program, a sexual and reproductive health initiative supported by the department. This program has achieved notable success in providing culturally appropriate education to diverse communities throughout Australia. The evaluation showed that participants were highly satisfied and eager to share what they had learned through the HiML program within their communities. Key recommendations from the evaluation included: allowing sufficient time for project setup; investing in building the capacity of partners; continuously improving the delivery of sessions; and advocacy for long term funding on sexual and reproductive health education in multicultural communities. Sharing these outcomes with partners and funders will help reinforce evidence-based practices and highlight the positive impact of tailored health programs for migrant and refugee women.

NEXT STEPS

The Advisory Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday 10 December 2025.

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