17th Implementation Plan Advisory Group

Meeting 10 May 2021

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# Summary

The seventeenth Implementation Plan Advisory Group (IPAG) meeting was held by videoconference on 10 May 2021. The meeting was co-chaired by Ms Donna Murray, Chair of the National Health Leadership Forum (NHLF), and Mr Gavin Matthews, First Assistant Secretary of the Indigenous Health Division (IHD) of the Australian Government Department of Health (DoH).

The focus was the refreshed National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan (Health Plan). DoH provided an update on the new Federal Relations Structure and the Lowitja Institute presented on their work commissioned by DoH to inform an accountability approach for the Health Plan.

## Update on Federal Relations Structure

Members welcomed the update on the new Federation Reform Structure and noted that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health has a number of touch points in the new arrangements.

Members requested an update on the interaction of various forums under the new Federation Reform Structure and their intersection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. DoH will provide a further update at the next IPAG.

## National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan refresh

Ms Murray and Mr Matthews presented an updated draft of the Health Plan. Members recognised the work undertaken by the HPWG to include feedback previously provided by IPAG and other stakeholders. IPAG members were supportive of the draft Health Plan and suggested minor updates. DoH will continue to work with IPAG over the coming weeks for in-principle endorsement. The Health Plan will then be considered for final agreement through ministerial and cross-jurisdictional channels.

## Accountability Framework

Dr Janine Mohamed, Ms Phoebe Dent, Ms Banok Rind and Ms Kathleen Stacey presented on behalf of the Lowitja Institute, on work they are undertaking to inform an accountability approach for the Health Plan. Members agreed on the importance of an accountability mechanism for the Health Plan. IPAG and DoH will continue to work with the Lowitja Institute and IPAG and HPWG members on the progression of this work.

The next IPAG meeting will be on 20 August 2021.

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