

Strategic Framework 2008–2011



Introduction

Established in 1974 the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO – previously known as NAIHO) is the national peak Aboriginal health body representing over 140 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services throughout Australia.

Our Purpose

We serve to support all sovereign Aboriginal peoples to achieve a state of well being, consistent with our holistic concept of health, at least equal to that which existed prior

principles of:

- ❖ the National Aboriginal Health Strategy definition of health
- ❖ concepts of health as holistic
- ❖ the right to self determination
- ❖ the impact of history in trauma and loss
- ❖ the need for cultural understanding
- ❖ the recognition of human rights
- ❖ the impact of racism and stigma
- ❖ recognition of the centrality of kinship
- ❖ recognition of different communities and needs

NACCHO is the peak body representing the health interests of Aboriginal peoples on behalf of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and is the strategic leader in advocacy and policy development for improving the holistic health of Aboriginal Peoples in a culturally appropriate way.

to invasion and colonisation, enjoying all the rights and responsibilities inherent in our unceded sovereignty.

This will be achieved by working with our members, Affiliates and partners and be driven by our guiding

- ❖ Aboriginal strengths
- ❖ universal access to basic health care
- ❖ high quality health care services &
- ❖ equitable funding for health care.

Our Vision

In collaboration with our Members, Affiliates and our partners, NACCHO will lead improvements in the physical, emotional, cultural, spiritual and social well-being of Aboriginal peoples through community control, comprehensive primary health care and innovation in health care services.

Our Values

Our values portray how we wish to be seen as an organisation and the qualities we pride as an organisation:

- ❖ Aboriginal community control
- ❖ top-down and bottom-up approach to planning, policy development and implementation
- ❖ for holistic, comprehensive primary health care
- ❖ Aboriginal cultural integrity
- ❖ the co-ordination and integration of activity
- ❖ strategic partnerships and alliances
- ❖ proactive and responsible action
- ❖ trust, courage, listening and collaboration
- ❖ leadership

Our Strategic Priorities

The three strategic priorities for the next three years are

Strategy One: Provide leadership and direction in policy development

Key strategies are to:

- ❖ promote and influence whole of Government initiatives
- ❖ advise key Federal Ministers and Government agencies
- ❖ support Aboriginal professional organisations
- ❖ advocate for sovereign rights

- ❖ continue building an evidence base for, within and about our sector
- ❖ continue building and maintaining relationships and partnerships &
- ❖ set the public agenda

Strategy Two: To build and enhance Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service's capacity to provide more effective/efficient primary health care services

Key strategies are to:

- ❖ build the capacity of Members
- ❖ develop workforce benchmarks
- ❖ increase SEWB and mental health activities and programs
- ❖ increase access to public health programs
- ❖ make children our priority
- ❖ negotiate the streamlining of Government funding processes
- ❖ strive for the accreditation of all Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services
- ❖ improve the Medicare Benefits Scheme and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to benefit our sector
- ❖ strengthen our information systems &
- ❖ monitor and progress our outcomes

Strategy Three: To be a more efficient and effective Secretariat to achieve our vision, aims and objectives

Key strategies are to:

- strengthen our partnerships with our Affiliates &
- to provide data and information to the NACCHO Network



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