A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between NACCHO and the RACGP on 27 November 2014. This MoU further strengthens our working together for nearly two decades and aims to achieve shared commitments between NACCHO and the RACGP in improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The MoU articulates how NACCHO and the RACGP will continue to work together building on a long-term commitment to advocate for community control and self-determination, closing the gap in health inequalities, championing culturally safe and clinically appropriate healthcare, eliminating racism in healthcare, supporting those who provide healthcare in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, fostering reconciliation, and respecting the expertise, membership and role of each organisation.

Through this MoU, NACCHO and the RACGP continue to work collaboratively to advocate that the Australian healthcare system is appropriately structured and resourced to enable all health professionals to provide continuity of care that is clinically and culturally appropriate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

This work and collaboration includes developing the standards, guidelines, funding models and resources to equip general practitioners, all health professionals and ACCHOs to maximise health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Part of the collaborative work between NACCHO and the RACGP is to build a reputation of partnerships and joint advocacy in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and to develop initiatives that attract and retain a skilled workforce for the Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector.

The MoU arrangement will be reviewed by both parties after five years.

NACCHO and the RACGP will work collaboratively to:

1. advocate that the Australian healthcare system is appropriately structured and resourced to enable all health professionals to provide continuity of care that is clinically and culturally appropriate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
2. develop the standards, guidelines, funding models and resources to equip general practitioners, all health professionals and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to maximise health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
3. build a reputation of partnerships and joint advocacy in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
4. develop initiatives that attract and retain a skilled workforce for the Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector.

The parties will review this arrangement after 5 years.

For and on behalf of – NACCHO

Chair

date 27/11/2014

For and on behalf of – RACGP

President

date 27/11/14