

Memorandum of Understanding

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) builds on the already strong working relationship between NACCHO and the RACGP and our shared commitment to improving the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

NACCHO and the RACGP have worked together for over two decades. In 2014, NACCHO and the RACGP signed an MOU, that strengthened our partnership model and delivered significant contributions in the development of resources and raising awareness on issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

The partnership between NACCHO and the RACGP reflects each organisation's actions, underpinned by the following principles:

- championing community control and self-determination
- advocating for improvements in physical, social and cultural determinants that impact health
- campaigning for effective, culturally safe and evidence-based primary healthcare
- eliminating racism in the healthcare system
- supporting health professionals who provide culturally appropriate healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- fostering reconciliation
- respecting the expertise, membership and role of each organisation

This MOU articulates how our two organisations will continue to work together. The parties meet annually to discuss progress against the agreed activities.

NACCHO and the RACGP will work collaboratively to:

1. advocate for an Australian healthcare system that is appropriately structured and resourced to enable all health professionals to provide clinically and culturally effective healthcare, that is valued by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities
2. develop standards, guidelines and resources to equip general practitioners, all health professionals and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to optimise health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
3. role-model successful partnership 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
5. undertake joint initiatives that enhance the capacity of general practitioners and all health professionals to deliver high quality culturally safe care and ensure health improvements

Collaborative activities for consideration through this MOU may include:

- consultation and advocacy on key policy documents and resources
- sharing information on key projects, organisational developments
- public support for organisational positions
- joint delivery of educational resources, workshops, webinars and projects
- joint presentations at conferences and seminars
- promotion to organisational members through social media and other channels

The RACGP's roles and responsibilities:

- to show leadership in advocacy across the primary healthcare sector (focussed on mainstream general practice)
- provide technical knowledge and expertise of the general practice sector
- ensure the development of relevant RACGP policy and technical documents are shared with NACCHO
- leverage the RACGP's membership of 40,000 members to support advocacy and resource development
- raise awareness and profile of the sector amongst our membership to enhance understanding and advocacy efforts

NACCHO's roles and responsibilities:

- facilitate the exchange of information between the RACGP and the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector
- advocate for initiatives that value add to the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services provision of culturally safe comprehensive health care
- contribute to the development of shared resources including standards, policies and guides to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- leverage NACCHO's 145 member services to support and strengthen the partnership

The parties will review this MOU after five years and provide an annual progress update through their respective governance mechanisms.

For and on behalf of RACGP

Vice President

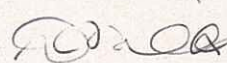


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For and on behalf of NACCHO

Chair



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