

# Communique

Friday 21 June 2019

The second meeting of the ACT Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board (the Partnership Board) was held on Friday 21 June 2019.

The Board discussed a number of significant matters affecting health and medical research across Canberra Health Services, ACT Health Directorate, Calvary Health Care ACT, the University of Canberra and the Australian National University with vital input from the Health Care Consumers' Association.

Key action items considered by the Partnership Board included:

- **Finalising Terms of Reference for two priority Working Groups**  
The Partnership Board endorsed Terms of Reference for the Workforce, Education and Training Working Group and Research Working Group, subject to minor final amendments. The Working Groups will address key strategic issues, advise on innovative workforce and research models and recommend system-wide improvements to health and medical research in the ACT. An Expression of Interest process will be undertaken to identify the Chairs of each Working Group. The Working Groups will report directly to the Partnership Board.
- **The development of governance structures that draw on each organisation's strengths, reduce duplication of effort and that better support health and medical research activity.** This will lead to greater collaboration and efficiency across health services, non-government organisations and the tertiary education sector.
- **Agreement on improvements to operational structures** to better support existing functions with a view to achieving more translational research outcomes for the benefit of the Canberra community.
- **Agreement on proposed governance arrangements** underpinning the HealthANSWERS Partnership, providing feedback on its proposed governance structure.

The Partnership Board was also provided with an update on the progress of the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Independent Review into the Workplace Culture within ACT Public Health Services and noted the significant work underway in implementing key initiatives against the recommendations.

In line with the Partnership Board's Terms of Reference, reports will be provided to the Minister for Health and Vice-Chancellors of the Australian National University and the University of Canberra.

The Partnership Board meets quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for 9 September 2019.

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