

Communique

Monday 9 September 2019

The ACT Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board (the Partnership Board) met on Monday 9 September 2019.

The Partnership Board was given a presentation on the draft [ACT Wellbeing Indicators Framework](#), led by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD). The Wellbeing Indicators are being developed to monitor the ACT's progress across a broad range of areas that reflect the values of Canberrans and influence quality of life. The indicators will help guide government decision-making and priorities for future investments. Approximately 100 Canberra community organisations and advisory bodies have been engaged in the draft Framework with further consultation occurring in the coming months.

The Partnership Board will be consulted to inform the development of the Wellbeing Indicators. Members will provide valuable perspectives from health services, non-government organisations and the tertiary education sector. It was agreed that CMTEDD will provide updates as a standing item at future meetings. The Wellbeing Indicators are expected to be released publicly in March 2020.

The Partnership Board also discussed the progress of the Preventive Health Plan, led by the ACT Health Directorate, and its synergies with the Wellbeing Indicators Framework. The Preventive Health Plan is intended to provide a high-level framework for government led action and will provide a mechanism to collaborate with community partners. ACT Health Directorate is working closely with CMTEDD to ensure the plan aligns with the Framework. The plan is expected to be completed by early 2020, ahead of the Wellbeing Indicators Framework.

The Partnership Board also discussed the progress of innovative approaches to the conduct and delivery of health and medical research in the ACT, and effectively utilising the Research Working Group and the Workforce Education and Training Working Group to drive initiatives and provide expert advice to the Partnership Board.

Key action items considered by the Partnership Board included:

- **Finalising the governance arrangements for the Research and Innovation Fund Grants Program** through drawing on the expertise of members to inform the program's Guidelines and to ensure the delivery of effective outcomes against this commitment.

- **Guiding the realignment of the Centre for Health and Medical Research** as it takes on a stewardship role within the health system and looking at innovative ways to develop research strategy and priorities within the ACT Health Directorate.
- **Reviewing the governance structure of the Preventive Health Plan** to effectively engage and collaborate with the relevant partners through its development.

The Partnership Board meets quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for 2 December 2019.

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