

# Aboriginal Leaders' Forum No. 5

Wednesday, 18 May 2016, 9.30am to 1.30pm

Tauondi College, 1 Lipson Street, Port Adelaide

## Output Report



## PURPOSE OF THE FORUM

- Presentations by guest speakers
- Update on progress of Transforming Health, including formation of a Transforming Health Aboriginal Expert Advisory Group
- Resolve future directions on research topics.

## PARTICIPANTS

### Aboriginal Leaders:

Jackie Ah Kit, Alex Brown, Yvonne Buza, Sally Clark, Christine Egan, Theresa Francis, Odette Gibson, Karen Glover, Scharlene Lamont, Frank Lampard, April Lawrie-Smith, Cathy Leane, Margaret McCallum, Dennis McDermott, Kim Morey, Steven Newchurch, Khatija Thomas, Mike Turner, Lisa Warner, Lindsey Webb.

### Health Performance Council (HPC):

Anne Dunn, Barbara Hartwig, Lisa Jackson Pulver, Steve Tully.

### HPC Secretariat:

Jane Austin, Nick Cugley, Julie Edwards, Jill Fraser, Michelle Jones, Andrew Wineberg.

### Facilitated by:

Klynton Wanganeen and Anne Dunn.



### Guest speakers:

Prof Daryle Rigney and Michael Cousins.



*We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual journey with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.*





## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Welcome and acknowledgment that the Aboriginal Leaders' Forum meets on Kurna Land.

Klynton Wanganeen, on behalf of delegates, extended a formal vote of thanks to Anne Dunn who is retiring as Chair of the Health Performance Council for her leadership and advocacy in the work of the Aboriginal Leaders' Forum.

## **2. KEYNOTE SPEAKER – PROFESSOR DARYLE RIGNEY**

Prof Daryle Rigney, from the Office of Indigenous Strategy & Engagement, Flinders University, presented on the topic of Indigenous governance and nation building.

### **Key discussion points that emerged from Prof Rigney's presentation:**

- Importance of acknowledging the wins – no matter how small
- Focus first on governance and ability to govern rather than service delivery models
- ALF interested in hearing more about what worked and what didn't in Prof Rigney's community – How can Aboriginal communities work together to make a real and lasting impact?

## **3. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF TRANSFORMING HEALTH**

Anne Dunn (Chair, Health Performance Council) and Frank Lampard (SA Co-Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement) gave delegates an update on progress of Transforming Health.

### **Key points:**

- Since the last Forum in November 2015, a model for the formation of a Transforming Health Aboriginal Expert Advisory Group, made up of key Aboriginal professional staff representatives from across the health system, has been developed by Frank Lampard with the support of the Health Performance Council.
- The Chief Executive of SA Health and the Clinical Ambassador for Transforming Health both support the proposed model.
- SA Health is developing Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group and how the chairing and membership would be formed. The Transforming Health Team is leading this and Aboriginal Health Branch Director (April Lawrie-Smith) has established contact with them to assist and provide advice.
- Prof Alex Brown advised delegates that he has stepped down from the Transforming Health Ministerial Clinical Advisory Group (MCAG).

#### 4. GUEST SPEAKER – MICHAEL COUSINS

Michael Cousins, Chief Executive, Health Consumers Alliance of SA, presented on the topic of engaging Indigenous consumers

**Possible future directions** for Health Consumers' Alliance (HCA) and Aboriginal Leaders' Forum (ALF) collaboration that emerged from the discussion:

- ALF could be used to inform HCA on Aboriginal consumer and community engagement. For example, ALF could provide nominees to the HCA's Transforming Health Peak Community and Consumer Engagement Committee
- HCA and ALF could work together to develop Aboriginal consumer-centred care principles
- ALF will subscribe to HCA eNews to receive updates and invites to Transforming Health opportunities
- ALF and HCA could work together on monitoring implementation and impact of SA Health's Aboriginal Health Impact Statement Policy Directive, particularly within Transforming Health.

#### 5. PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM RESEARCH TOPIC ANALYSIS

Prof Alex Brown from SAHMRI's Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit presented on the topic of disparities in health outcomes for Aboriginal people.

**Key discussion points that emerged from SAHMRI's presentation:**

- Disparities due to poor health and social policy; social and historical factors; racism and adverse experiences; underlying risk; inequitable access and quality of care; and disadvantage
- Important to focus on improving maternal and child health as this is where the greatest long-term gains will be realised (e.g. stopping the intergenerational transfer of chronic conditions such as diabetes)
- HPC, ALF and SAHMRI discussed possibility of working together on contributing to/informing the next Aboriginal Health Care Plan.

Nick Cugley from the HPC Secretariat presented on the topic of Aboriginal representation in the SA Health workforce and SA public hospital system. Nick also notified delegates of the updated *State of Our Health* report released by the HPC at [hpcsa.com.au/state\\_of\\_our\\_health](http://hpcsa.com.au/state_of_our_health) and its focus on reporting comparative health status and health outcome indicators for Aboriginal people.

**Key discussion points that emerged from the HPC Secretariat's presentation:**

- In 2015, the 313.5 Aboriginal FTEs in SA Health accounted for 1.6% of the workforce that had recorded Aboriginal status on the payroll system. If this increased to 395.5 FTEs (i.e. an additional 82.0 FTEs) the SASP target of 2.0% Aboriginal workforce representation would be reached
- ALF indicated they would like the HPC Secretariat to conduct a more in-depth analysis, with a focus on changes over time and reasons why SA Health isn't achieving the 2% target
- ALF requested the HPC Secretariat look at the WCHN reported figure of 4.5% Aboriginal workforce in greater detail to test its accuracy/validity
- ALF requested the HPC Secretariat look further at the issue of self-discharge against medical advice, both for admitted patients and emergency departments, with a focus on mental health.

## 6. FUTURE DIRECTIONS ON RESEARCH TOPICS

Delegates agreed on the following priority future directions on research topics for the Aboriginal Leader's Forum to pursue:

- HPC to look at the effectiveness of the policy directive on Aboriginal Impact Statements, when and if they have been used (particularly within Transforming Health), and when/if there is a sunset clause, and report back to the next ALF
- How Aboriginal communities can work together to make a real and lasting impact
- The impact of 'ice' on Aboriginal communities, especially children and adolescents
- Deaths in custody
- Prisoner health (with a focus on diabetes management)
- Mental health (with a focus on hospital discharge against medical advice and Emergency Department 'take own leave')
- Health of children under the Guardianship of the Minister
- More in-depth look at SA Health workforce representation and changes over time – why isn't SA Health achieving the 2% target?

## 7. AGREED NEXT STEPS

- Output report from this Forum to go to all participants including guest speakers.
- Planning Group to re-convene to discuss outcomes and plan next steps, including:
  - Working with SA Health to influence the membership of the Transforming Health Aboriginal Expert Advisory Group
  - Future directions on research topics (item 6 above)
  - Convening of the next Forum.

**FORUM CLOSED AT 1:30PM.**



***Thank you to all participants for your valuable contributions.***

## APPENDICES

### **Aboriginal Leaders' Forum Planning Group:**

- Klynton Wanganeen – Aboriginal Leaders' Forum Facilitator
- Alex Brown, Kim Morey and Odette Gibson – Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, SAHMRI
- April Lawrie-Smith – Aboriginal Health Branch, SA Health
- Jackie Ah Kit – Women's and Children's Health Network, SA Health
- Tamara Mackean – Southgate Institute for Health, Society and Equity
- Shane Mohor and Amanda Mitchell – Aboriginal Health Council of SA
- Health Performance Council – Anne Dunn (Chair), Barbara Hartwig (Deputy Chair) and Rick Callaghan (Member)

### **Aboriginal Leaders' Forum program and guest speaker bios**

See attachment.



## EVENT PROGRAM

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Hosted by:



**Government of South Australia**  
Health Performance Council



**SAHMRI**  
South Australian Health &  
Medical Research Institute



## Program

9.00am	Registration – Tea & Coffee
9.30am	Welcome and Introductions: - Klynton Wanganeen (Facilitator) - Anne Dunn (Chair, Health Performance Council)
9.45am	Keynote speaker - Prof Daryle Rigney on Indigenous governance and nation building
10.30am	Update on progress of Transforming Health, including formation of an Aboriginal Advisory Group - Frank Lampard (SA Co-Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement) - Anne Dunn
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	Guest speaker - Michael Cousins on Engaging Indigenous Consumers
12.00pm	Preliminary results from research topic analysis (including working lunch) - Health Performance Council Secretariat – Nick Cugley - Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, SAHMRI – Prof Alex Brown
1.15pm	Resolve future directions on research topics - Klynton Wanganeen and Anne Dunn
1.30pm	Conclusion - Klynton Wanganeen

The Health Performance Council proudly supports the Aboriginal Leaders' Forums and we would like to acknowledge the efforts and contribution of our Planning Group members:

- Klynton Wanganeen – Aboriginal Leaders' Forum Facilitator
- Alex Brown, Kim Morey and Odette Gibson – Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, SAHMRI
- April Lawrie-Smith – Aboriginal Health Branch, SA Health
- Jackie Ah Kit – Women's and Children's Health Network, SA Health
- Tamara Mackean – Poche Centre for Indigenous Health & Wellbeing, Faculty of Health Sciences, Flinders University
- Shane Mohor and Amanda Mitchell – Aboriginal Health Council of SA
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## Speakers



### Professor Daryle Rigney

#### **Dean, Office of Indigenous Strategy & Engagement, Flinders University**

Professor Daryle Rigney, a citizen of the Ngarrindjeri Nation, is Dean of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement at Flinders University and an Affiliated Faculty member of the James E. Roger College of Law, Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program, University of Arizona. Daryle teaches courses in cultural property protection and comparative Indigenous governance collaboratively with the Native Nations Institute (NNI) and the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development (HPAIED).

Daryle has a number of current funded research projects including two ARC Linkage grants (one in repatriation the other in Indigenous nation-building) along with the Melbourne School of Governments, Indigenous nation-building: theory and practice research cluster and several projects with the Goyder Water Research Institute.

Professor Rigney's community engagement includes having worked on the establishment of the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority (NRA) in 2007. As a Member of the Ngarrindjeri and State government Leaders to Leaders forums he has helped forge contractual agreements as an internationally-recognised new model for Indigenous people negotiating with governments. Daryle is also a Director of the Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI) and in 2013 he was the NAIDOC South Australian Aboriginal person of the year.



### Michael Cousins

#### **Chief Executive, Health Consumers Alliance of SA**

Michael Cousins is Chief Executive of the Health Consumers Alliance of SA Inc, the peak body for health consumers and health consumer organisations in South Australia. Michael has over 20 years' experience in health and community services, government and non-government, first working in the community-based response to HIV/AIDS in the 1990s. The Health Consumers Alliance (HCA) has a focus on consumer and community engagement, policy leadership and systemic advocacy. HCA seeks to position consumers and the community at the heart of health care, and advocates for the development of a

consumer centred health system.

Michael is a public health advocate and policy leader. He represents health consumers on a number of senior committees within South Australia and nationally. He is a member of the Ministerial Clinical Advisory Group for Transforming Health, the State Government's health reform program; chair of the Peak Consumer and Community Engagement Committee for Transforming Health; chair of the Partnering with Consumers and Community Advisory Group for SA Health; and chair of the Partnering with Consumers Committee for the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Michael is a member of the executive committees for the SA Academic Health Research Translation Centre; Consumer and Community Engagement Committee for the SA Health and Medical Research Institute; and SA NT DataLink.

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