



MIGRANT & REFUGEE WOMEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

Communiqué

Fourth Meeting, Sub-Working Group on Refugee Women's Health – Migrant and Refugee Women's Health Partnership

20 November 2017

The Sub-Working Group on Refugee Women's Health met for the fourth time via teleconference on 20 November 2017. The meeting provided an opportunity to review the zero draft of the cultural responsiveness framework, including the draft standards for clinicians working with interpreters in healthcare settings.

The meeting addressed the overall structure of the standards and how the explanatory notes should be incorporated in the cultural responsiveness framework, with the format of the Australian Medical Council's standards considered appropriate. The group discussed the need to encourage or facilitate data collection of persons from migrant and refugee background to address the lack information regarding migrant and refugee health outcomes in the Australian context.

The Sub-Working Group discussed specific considerations and practice points in view of working with interpreters in different contexts such as private healthcare, public settings, and hospitals.

Members discussed the need to go beyond individual cultural competence, to include organisational and systemic levels of cultural competence. Links were drawn between cultural competence and health literacy, as well as patient-centered care.

The draft standards will be progressed in line with the discussions in the meeting, and the draft will be submitted to the Working Group of the Partnership, meeting later in the month, for review.

The Sub-Working Group will hold its next meeting in February 2018.

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