



MIGRANT & REFUGEE WOMEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

Communiqué

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

17 September 2018

The Sub-Working Group on Refugee Women's Health, Migrant and Refugee Women's Health Partnership, held its sixth meeting via teleconference on 17 September 2018.

Members acknowledged and thanked the outgoing Chair, Professor Steve Robson, for his dedication and the immense contribution to the establishment of the Partnership and the progress over the first two years.

The group discussed progress in pursuing specific projects under the Partnership's workplan, including:

- The finalisation of the Competency Standards Framework, *Culturally Responsive Clinical Practice: Working with People from Migrant and Refugee Backgrounds*
- The collaboration with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care to use the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (2nd ed.) to improve the health care provided to migrants and refugees through the development of a user guide for health service organisations
- The collaboration with the Harmony Alliance: Migrant and Refugee Women for Change with a focus on enhancing health literacy strategies in the settlement of migrant and refugee women
- A short-term project commissioned by the Department of Health to analyse the feasibility of developing a cultural responsiveness learning framework for nursing education, with a particular focus on older people, end of life care, and palliative care.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the Sub-Working Group to reflect on the matters raised in the roundtable, Enhancing Health Literacy Strategies in the Settlement of Migrant and Refugee Women held in June 2018, and to identify areas of focus going forward.

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

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