

Communiqué

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

27 February 2019

The Working Group and the Sub-Working Group on Refugee Women's Health and Settlement, Migrant and Refugee Women's Health Partnership, held their Joint Meeting in Melbourne on 27 February 2019.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the launch of the Competency Standards Framework, *Culturally Responsive Clinical Practice: Working with People from Migrant and Refugee Backgrounds* and the Guide for Clinicians Working with Interpreters in Healthcare Settings.

The Joint Meeting was structured as a Strategic Planning Session for the Partnership, which provided the opportunity to:

- review achievements to date
- discuss avenues for ensuring the success of the Partnership, including both shortterm and long-term objectives and
- plan for the future of the Partnership, including priority issues and key stakeholders.

Members agreed that an important priority going forward would be the strengthening and embedding of the Competency Standards Framework across clinical education and standard setting. The Partnership will continue working with the peak professional bodies for clinicians to support them in progressing the implementation of the Framework through their respective structures and processes. This will be supported by the development of practical tools and resources. Assessing progress will be an equally important area of focus.

Following a significant milestone in the development of the Competency Standards Framework, the modalities of the Partnership will be reviewed to ensure that it continues to progress the work around migrant and refugee health in a strategic, sustainable and effective way.

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