



MIGRANT & REFUGEE WOMEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

Communiqué

Second Meeting, Working Group, Migrant and Refugee Women's Health Partnership 24 February 2017

The Working Group, Migrant and Refugee Women's Health Partnership held its second meeting via teleconference on 24 February 2017.

The group discussed the progress in pursuing specific projects under the workplan, focusing primarily on scoping the context within clinical education, as well as clinical and community-based policy and practice that support cultural capability in health care and promote community education. The group received a report from the recently established Sub-Working Group on Refugee Women's Health, and discussed strategies towards the establishment of a Sub-Working Group to develop language services standards.

The importance of, and strategies for, effective engagement with Primary Health Networks featured prominently in the meeting's deliberations. Some key considerations included the needs assessments and capturing the migrant and refugee cohorts, promotion of the utilisation of language services, supporting the workforce with tools to respond effectively to migrant and refugee women's health needs, and engaging with migrant and refugee communities around health health and health systems literacy. The Partnership is engaging with PHNs nationally to develop evidence of good practice and to suggest practice models and frameworks to improve migrant and refugee population health outcomes.

Members also discussed opportunities for policy development and input with regards to standard setting for clinical education and practice accreditation. The Partnership's most recent policy input included submissions to the review of Australia's health system performance information and reporting frameworks, and to the development of the 5th edition RACGP *Standards for general practices*.

The meeting provided an opportunity to address specific priorities, such as female genital mutilation and domestic violence, and consider strategies for developing evidence of good practice and relevant frameworks for clinical education and training in this regard.

The Working Group will hold its next meeting in May 2017.

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