

NIHEC's Work Plan 2008-2011

Priority Initiative	Strategies	Deliverables	Timing
1. National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Targets			
<p>Development of a National Targets Instrument to support implementation of a model to set, monitor and report on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Targets to support the Government's commitments on closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote accountability • rationalise current reporting processes • integrate with other reporting frameworks • promote effective evidence based target setting 	<p>Establish a technical working group to lead the development of the National Targets Instrument.</p> <p>The Working Group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop an initial National Targets Instrument concept paper • engage NIHEC on the concept and methodology for the National Target Instrument development • develop modules – data analysis including for child mortality, cardiovascular disease and workforce • develop the National web based Target Instrument • use the National Targets Instrument to provide advise on areas such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ target setting in Indigenous health ▪ COAG targets ▪ the biennial Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage report ▪ the biennial Health Performance Framework 	<p>Technical working group established</p> <p>Concept discussion paper developed</p> <p>NIHEC agreement reached on the concept and approaches to develop the instrument</p> <p>Draft Targets Instrument developed</p> <p>Formal advice to the Minister on COAG targets – including policy implications</p> <p>Launch web based Targets Instrument</p> <p>Ongoing update to instrument with additional module topics and updated data</p> <p>Utilise the Targets Instrument to provide advice on target setting in Indigenous health</p>	<p>March 2009</p> <p>August 2009</p> <p>September 2009</p> <p>December 2009</p> <p>Feb 2010 Ongoing</p> <p>May 2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce			
<p>Identify, analyse and provide advice to the Minister on the current key workforce reform initiatives and how they will contribute to supporting the sustained achievement of the closing the gap targets</p>	<p>Review, monitor and advise on the whole of government implementation of the recommendations in <i>Pathways into the health workforce for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – A Blueprint for Action</i> paper and review <i>Yellow Book</i> implementation, including identifying gaps and progress</p> <p>Establish Workforce Working Group's that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review/analyse existing policy landscape, including the interrelationships between the different initiatives and how they will contribute to supporting the Close the Gap objectives • consider the Indigenous Outreach Worker Initiative, with a view to providing advice to the Minister on methods to maximise the gains achieved through the initiative • take into account existing and potential workforce initiatives and reforms • recommend a plan for the future composition, structure and policy/system requirements to support a sustainable future health workforce aligned to the Closing The Gap agenda 	<p>Engagement and provision of support and advice to the Inter-Departmental Committee, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Working Group and the Department of Health and Ageing on the review of the implementation of <i>Pathways</i> paper and the <i>Yellow Book</i></p> <p>Two NIHEC Workforce Working Group's established</p> <p>Formal advice to the Minister on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implementation of Pathways Paper and review of <i>Yellow Book</i> • Indigenous Outreach Worker initiative • a whole of government national program of workforce development <p>Workforce paper that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outlines existing policy landscape and identifies key mechanisms for success • identifies the policy/system requirements to support a sustainable future health workforce and proposes a set of ideal benchmarks and performance measures 	<p>June 2009</p> <p>From August 2008</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>December 2009, with updates in May 2010 and November 2010</p>

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3. Data			
Improved quality of reportable national health data including for available mortality and birth data.	<p>Establish a time-limited Peak Body Reference Group on GP Identification</p> <p>Engage with the National Advisory Group on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Information and Data (NAGATSIHID) and other data committees</p> <p>Analyse the data quality in the National Targets Instrument and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework (HPF)</p> <p>Conduct horizon scanning of existing birth and mortality data to identify gaps, implications and strategies for improving data quality</p> <p>Identify current work being undertaken in the data arena including from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and the Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Invite AIHW as required to provide updates on relevant data and quality improvements at NIHEC meetings</p>	<p>Report on GP identification from Peak Body Reference Group</p> <p>Negotiate a data workplan with NAGATSIHID</p> <p>Review data priorities following the development of the National Targets Instrument</p> <p>Robust Health Data system aligned with National Targets Instrument and HPF</p> <p>Formal advice to Minister on gaps, implications and strategies for improving national health data quality including for mortality and birth data.</p>	<p>December 2008 Completed</p> <p>December 2009</p> <p>June 2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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4. Policy			
<p>Provide advice to the Minister on the relevance of national policy development initiatives to the Close the Gap agenda and make recommendations as how to best harness new national policy.</p>	<p>Monitor, analyse and provide regular updates and strategic advice to the Minister on the evolving policy landscape and the best ways to maximise opportunities to contribute to the Close the Gap agenda</p> <p>Provide policy advice to the Minister on key elements of CoAG's Indigenous Health National Partnership package (which have been specifically requested by the Minister), including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Outreach Worker policy • Preventative health elements • Effective monitoring and evaluation of initiatives under the package <p>Provide input to relevant national policy development initiatives, such as the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventative Health Care Strategy • Primary Health Care Strategy • National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission agenda • CoAG's Indigenous Health National Partnership <p>Review the National Policy frameworks with a view to identifying gaps, taking into account burden of disease, social determinants and life course approach</p>	<p>Advice and recommendations provided to the Minister on the relevance and impact of national policy development initiatives to the Closing the Gap agenda</p> <p>Provide formal advice (strategic, policy focussed) to the Minister's request for specific advice</p> <p>Input to relevant national policy development initiatives provided.</p> <p>Identify and advise on opportunities and gaps.</p>	<p>Every 6 months and as required</p> <p>Initially in December 2009 and as requested</p> <p>As required</p> <p>September 2010</p>