

Implementation Plan: Aboriginal People

Goal of Partnerships Work: To build the capacity for a robust partnership and enhanced services by collaborating in a range of service development activities with organisations providing programs for Aboriginal people

Objective 2.1: Our member organisations will have a strengthened understanding of services for Aboriginal people within Greater Bendigo and Loddon

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2.1.1 Complete a scoping study that describes the range of services and activities available specifically to Aboriginal people and identifies barriers to service delivery – to include in the regional Aboriginal Health Plan (Closing the Gap Plan)	DH	Member organisations		✓		
2.1.2. Canvass the views of our membership and represent these in the planning processes with the Department of Health for the Loddon Mallee Aboriginal Health Plan	BLPCP Chairperson	Member organisations		✓		
2.1.3 Implement a project to strengthen access by Aboriginal people to primary health care	BDAC	Annie North BH BCHS CoGB Baptcare St Luke's Anglicare Vision Australia		✓	✓	✓

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Objective 2.2: Organisations representing Aboriginal people participate more actively in our Partnership						
2.2.1 Work with BDAC to ensure it is resourced to enable participation in Partnership activities	Executive Committee	BDAC		✓	✓	✓
2.2.2. Facilitate a culturally appropriate forum to share information about available health and social services and the needs of Aboriginal people and communities	BDAC	Annie North Baptcare BCHS BH BSVB CoGB CVGPN IDHS LMHS BDH	Provide support to planning group and seek funds for forum Assist in event management	✓		
Objective 2.3: Mainstream services in our Partnership are more responsive to the needs of Aboriginal people and communities						
2.3.1 Facilitate training to mainstream organisations in the Aboriginal Cultural Competency Framework	Executive Committee	Member organisations	Consult with BDAC to plan, arrange and support the delivery of the training		✓	

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<i>Goal of Service Coordination: To improve health and care outcomes of Aboriginal people by facilitating access to services and increasing opportunities for early intervention and health promotion in a culturally appropriate manner</i>						
Objective 2.4: Information about a client's self-identified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status assists in appropriately tailoring services to their needs						
2.4.1 Investigate best practice and develop a protocol on actions to be taken when the Initial Needs Identification recognises an Aboriginal client	Continuous Improvement Framework Committee	Members of Continuous Improvement Framework Committee	Undertake research on best practice and provide administrative support to group		✓	✓
2.4.2 Develop an agreed process to involve BDAC in discharge and care planning for Aboriginal clients from general health services	BDAC	Baptcare BCHS BDH BH CVGPN DH MH&CS	Provide administrative support to group		✓	✓
Objective 2.5: Increase knowledge and skills of Aboriginal Health Workers in electronic referral and use of Service Coordination Tool Templates						
2.5.1 Provide training and support to BDAC in Connectingcare	BDAC		Provide training in SCTT and Connectingcare	✓	✓	✓

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<i>Goal of Integrated Health Promotion: To promote culturally appropriate mental health and wellbeing and positive lifestyles to Aboriginal people and communities</i>						
Objective 2.6: Young Aboriginal people are supported in their transition to adulthood						
2.6.1 Develop culturally appropriate "Arts for Health" programs with young Aboriginal people in Bendigo using a Health Promotion framework	BDAC	Annie North BCHS CoGB IDHS	Seek funding to support the program and assist in development of the concept	✓	✓	✓
Objective 2.7: The number of Aboriginal people smoking in Greater Bendigo and Loddon is reduced						
2.7.1 Smoking cessation and smoking prevention programs are promoted specifically to Aboriginal people and staff of Aboriginal specific services	BDAC	BCHS BH CVGPN DH IDHS		✓	✓	
Objective 2.8: The number of Aboriginal women participating in screening programs in Greater Bendigo and Loddon is increased						
2.8.1 Breast screening is promoted specifically to Aboriginal women	BSVB	BDAC IDHS LMHS WHLM		✓	✓	✓

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2.8.2 Pap screening is promoted specifically to Aboriginal women	SHTG	BCHS BDAC BSVB CVGPN IDHS LMHS WHLM	Membership of and support to SHTG	✓	✓	✓
<i>Goal of Integrated Chronic Disease Management: To improve the integration of culturally appropriate chronic disease services and programs for Aboriginal people</i>						
Objective 2.9. Aboriginal people have increased access to health workers trained in chronic disease management						
2.9.1 Provide access to Chronic Disease Accredited training for Aboriginal Health Worker/s	BH (CHERC)	BCHS BDAC BRIT BH (HARP)	Participate in SEAM consortium management group Provide a place in health coaching course to BDAC staff	✓	✓	
2.9.2 Explore options to co-locate specialist/visiting chronic disease services within Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative.	BDAC	BCHS BH CVGPN			✓	✓