The South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (PHN)

*is seeking **expressions of interest** from First Nations community leaders to join our*

Aboriginal Health Councils

The Organisation

COORDINARE is one of 31 Primary Health Networks (PHNs) across Australia, and one of 10 PHNs in NSW. Our region stretches from Helensburgh in the north, to the Victorian border in the south, and inland to Cooma / Monaro, Queanbeyan, Yass and Goulburn. Operational since 2015, COORDINARE is committed to supporting primary health care and services across our region to be culturally sensitive, person-centred, accessible, safe, and high quality. We aim to support care that is comprehensive, population oriented and coordinated across all parts of the health system. You can learn more about us by watching this video. Further information about the PHN is available at our website.

The Role

In supporting the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, COORDINARE has established two Aboriginal Health Councils with representation across the northern and southern regions of COORDINARE's geographic boundaries. The role of these councils is to inform and advise the organisation in its role to address four key areas outlined in the national agreement, as they apply to primary health care.

The Aboriginal Health Councils:

- Provide advice to the Board on matters relating to Aboriginal health strategies being discussed, implemented, and evaluated across sectors, including implications for program design, service approaches and professional development;
- Provide advice to support interpretation of local health data, about the health and service needs of the community;
- Assist in identifying gaps, barriers, strengths, and opportunities for improvement in the provision of primary health care to Aboriginal communities in the localities of the South Eastern NSW PHN region;
- Provide strategic advice to the Board to ensure a culturally safe and competent critique on matters relating to the design, development, and commissioning of services for Aboriginal people;
- Provide advice/review relevant policy documents with respect to cultural safety and appropriateness;
- To advise COORDINARE on strategies to assist the uptake and adoption of best-practice models of care to provide Aboriginal communities with better access, utilisation and engagement with a range of primary health provider networks and services.

The councils meet quarterly either online or in-person, and the initial appointment is a three-year term. The current AHC Terms of Reference are available here.

Skills and Experience

We are seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives with the skills, special interest in progressing equal and culturally safe access to primary health care and services, and access to networks across their respective communities.

The following criteria will be considered during the appointment process:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons from the South Eastern NSW region;
- Aboriginal health clinicians who are working within primary health clinical practice;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons who have demonstrated knowledge about, and experience in Aboriginal health and/or community development organisations in the region;
- Members of community with strong networks and influence to support the COORDINARE Board at a strategic level.

Expressions of Interest will remain open until 31 May 2025.

If you would like to join us in this rewarding work, please complete the expression of interest form here, or contact Jade Webb on 0448 396 337 to discuss this opportunity.