



NTAHF MEETING #108 COMMUNIQUÉ

25 August 2026

The NT Aboriginal Health Forum (the Forum; NTAHF) meeting #108 held on 25 August 2026, in Mparntwe (Alice Springs)

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Rob McPhee, who acknowledged the Arrernte people as Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was held, and paid respects to the Traditional Owners of all the lands from which partners joined.

Accelerated Pathways to Community Control (AP2CC)

The AP2CC team presented an update on the development of the AP2CC framework. NTAHF endorsed the strategic direction of the framework, including further work on regional health service delivery planning, transition support and long-term implementation pathways.

Progress was noted on transition cost modelling, implementation resources and future transition planning.

Partners reaffirmed their commitment to supporting long-term transition of primary healthcare services to Aboriginal community control. Forum endorsed the business case for the transition of clinics at Papunya, Haasts Bluff and Mt Liebig to Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, subject to approval by the NT Minister for Health.

NHRA Schedule B Reform Funding

AMSANT and NT Health presented the approach to developing the NT's Schedule B proposal under the National Health Reform Agreement.

Forum supported NTAHF being the key co-design, oversight and monitoring mechanism for the NT approach.

Forum discussed implementation of NHRA Schedule B and supported a co-designed approach between NT Health and the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector to identify NT reform priorities.

Housing and health

Forum received an update on the NT Remote Housing Agreement and discussed opportunities to strengthen housing, environmental health and workforce initiatives that support healthier communities.

NDIS and Aboriginal Community Control

Forum discussed opportunities to improve disability service access and strengthen collaboration with the NDIA, particularly in remote and underserved communities. NTAHF agreed to establish a new working group to examine how ACCHSs can better participate in NDIS service delivery, explore policy barriers, commissioning approaches and improve disability supports for Aboriginal people.

CARPA manual transition

NTAHF supported ongoing oversight of the CARPA manuals transition project and highlighted the importance of maintaining momentum towards a contemporary, digitally supported clinical guideline system.

Subcommittee, working groups and partner update

Updates were provided from NTAHF subcommittees, working groups and partners. These highlighted progress and continued delivery across key priorities.

Notably, Regional Health Executive Committees have been re-established in Darwin and the Top End, East Arnhem, Big Rivers and Barkly, with the Central Australia committee continuing.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the NT Aboriginal Health Forum (#109) will be held on 24 November 2026 in Darwin.



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