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Purpose of the project

Develop a professional and educational pathway for Aboriginal health practitioners in diabetes.

Advisory Group

- Jan Alford – Chair
- Craig Dukes, representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and outgoing CEO of NATSIHWA. Craig has left NATSIHWA and new CEO, Dwayne Pearce coming on board
- Bernadette Heenan, Cape York, Apunipima
- Trisa Elarde, Diabetes Queensland
- Karina Demasi, Danila Dilba Health Service
- Joanne Ramadge, ADEA CEO
- Rachel McKeown, ADEA Professional Services Manager

The first advisory committee was held in June and a number of areas were covered that identified further directions to explore before pathways, standards and competencies are developed.

Ongoing plans

- To evaluate:
 - » what the current Aboriginal health practitioner's (AHP) role is in the community and what clinical areas they cover
 - » What does a typical position description for an AHP look like?
 - » What is covered in the AHP certificate and diploma with clinical component?
- A survey is being developed to send out to all registered Aboriginal health practitioners asking what they currently do in their positions and what areas in diabetes they feel they would need education in. The questionnaire to be agreed upon by ADEA. NATSIHWA to be involved in supporting and disseminating the questionnaire.
- Develop core competencies
- Exploring the needs of a mentoring program for Aboriginal health practitioners