

National Medical Training Advisory Network

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The National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN) met on 23 November 2018 in Melbourne.

The Commonwealth Department of Health (DoH) provided an update on the progress of development and implementation of the More Doctors for Rural Australia Program (MDRAP), and gave an overview of the program, including its purpose and desired outcomes.

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) introduced their new President and thanked the previous President for their work while in the role. AIDA provided an update on some of the projects they are currently undertaking.

The National Rural Health Commissioner provided an update on work to date in the development of advice regarding a National Rural Generalist Pathway. The Commissioner outlined the work that the National Rural Generalist Taskforce has been undertaking and their engagement with expert reference groups.

DoH outlined the new Junior Doctor Training Program and its two streams, the Rural Primary Care Stream and the Private Hospital Stream, and updated members on the proposed next steps in program implementation.

DoH provided an update on the National Medical Workforce Strategy (NMWS) and feedback from the Health Services Principal Committee on the NMWS. DoH outlined the issues to be considered for the NMWS, the next steps and the role of NMTAN and a Steering Committee in the development of the NMWS.

DoH provided an update on the reforms to the District of Workforce Shortage (DWS) and outcomes from the latest Distribution Working Group (DWG) meeting.

The next meeting of the NMTAN will be held on 22 March 2019.