

Building a Better Future

Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) in Western Australia

Joint Communique

OOHC Program Board and Independent Reference Group February 2020

OOHC Program Board Meeting: 25 February 2020 Key Decisions

The Program Board is committed to achieving OOHC reform by January 2023. In doing so, this includes:

- ◆ ongoing collaboration with the IRG and co-design of service models by mid 2020
- ◆ place-based design of service models commencing late 2020.

The co-design of new OOHC service models will help ensure better outcomes for children as they will be:

- ◆ place based
- ◆ focussed on cultural connections and Aboriginal led decision making in relation to Aboriginal children
- ◆ trauma informed
- ◆ aligned to recommendations from Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse; and changes to the Children and Community Services Act 2004.

Other

- ◆ **Information session, 16 January 2020, [one page summary](#)**
- ◆ **OOHC service cost comparisons: [key conclusions](#)**

IRG Meeting 29 January 2020 3 Priority Areas

- ◆ Increasing the participation of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) in the delivery of OOHC services.
- ◆ Developing immediate solutions in the form of trials and pilot programs resulting from the Interim Service Solutions workshops.
- ◆ Coordinating and participating in the co-design process in partnership with the Department of Communities.

“The IRG’s Aboriginal Cultural Engagement Subgroup is working on a number of fronts to ensure maximum Aboriginal leadership of the reforms. Importantly, an Aboriginal dominance in leadership and participation has been a paramount focus in the co-design workshops...”

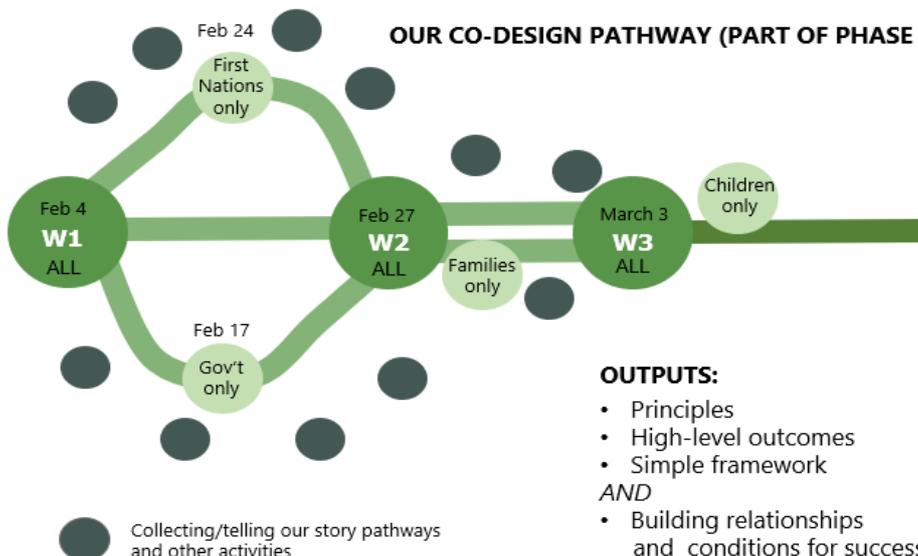
IRG Co-chair, Professor Maria Harries

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Co-design workshops - principles, framework and outcomes for the child protection system

- ◆ A series of co-design workshops and focus groups were facilitated by Ms Katie Stubley (Centre for Social Impact at UWA) and Ms Glenda Kickett (Dandalang Consultancy).
- ◆ Participants were selected by IRG members and the Department of Communities to maximise the diversity of knowledge, skills and experience in relation to the multiple aspects of OOHC.
- ◆ Participants included young people, Elders, families, ACCOs, representatives of peak bodies, Aboriginal Medical Health Services and the Department of Communities.

OUR CO-DESIGN PATHWAY (PART OF PHASE 1)



OUTPUTS:

- Principles
 - High-level outcomes
 - Simple framework
- AND
- Building relationships and conditions for success