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AGM elects first Indigenous Board Director

Mununjahli Yugambeh woman Jody Currie has become the first Indigenous Australian elected to the Brisbane North PHN Board of Directors, following the organisation's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Wednesday, 11 November 2020.

Ms Currie is the Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service (ATSICHS) Brisbane. She has held various senior executive roles in areas of early childhood education, and health and human service delivery, and is an advocate for improving service accessibility to vulnerable communities.

Ms Currie is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and currently a Non-Executive Director on the Hearing Australia Board. She has worked in a number of senior executive positions in both the government and non-government sectors, including the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, Apunipima Cape York Health Council and the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health.

Brisbane North PHN Chief Executive Office Libby Dunstan congratulated Ms Currie on her election and said the PHN would benefit enormously from her extensive experience in Indigenous health and community services.

"Jody is a proud First Nations woman who has dedicated herself to improving the health and wellbeing of her people. It is fitting to announce Jody's election during NAIDOC Week, which celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Ms Dunstan said.

In other AGM announcements, Dr Anita Green and Kathy Campbell were returned as Board Directors, while continuing Director Dr Trish Baker was appointed the Interim Board Chair until office bearers are elected at a Board meeting scheduled for 25 November 2020.

Ms Dunstan welcomed the return of Dr Green and Ms Campbell to the Board and noted their significant contributions.

"Kathy's work has been invaluable as the Chair of our Community Advisory Committee and a member of our Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee," Ms Dunstan said.

"Likewise, we owe a great debt to Anita for her many years' service as our Board Chair. I am grateful for her leadership and have full confidence in fellow General Practitioner Dr Trish Baker as she undertakes the role of Interim Board Chair,"

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About Brisbane North PHN

Brisbane North PHN is one of 31 Primary Health Networks nationwide and supports clinicians and communities within North Brisbane, Moreton Bay and parts of the Somerset region. The PHN covers approximately 4,100 km² of urban, regional and rural areas, with a population of over one million.

The key objectives of the PHN are:

- increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes, and
- improving coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time.