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RHMT PROGRAM EVALUATION – EXPERT REFERENCE GROUP

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES DECEMBER 2019

- The Expert Reference Group (ERG) supporting the evaluation of the Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training (RHMT) Program met on Thursday 12 December 2019 in Adelaide.
- The evaluators provided an update to ERG members on key findings and emerging issues from the RHMT Program evaluation.
- The evaluators informed the ERG that there was a good response rate to their workforce survey which targeted nursing, midwifery, allied health and dental professionals who graduated between 2008 and 2018. They now have evidence regarding the influence of rural clinical training on rural practice across a number of these professions.
- ERG member also discussed the evaluators' proposed draft RHMT Program principles and draft recommendations.
- The evaluators valued the ERG's guidance and advice throughout the evaluation and also appreciated the support and feedback from RHMT universities and stakeholders throughout the consultation phase of the evaluation.
- The next meeting will be a face-to-face meeting in February 2020 where the evaluators will present their draft evaluation report.

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