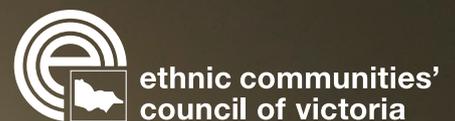




2014-2017

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Cancer Council Victoria
AND
Ethnic Communities' Council Victoria



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BETWEEN

CANCER COUNCIL VICTORIA

AND

ETHNIC COMMUNITIES' COUNCIL VICTORIA

Parties

The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria Inc. (ECCV) is the Voice of Multicultural Victoria. As the peak body for ethnic and multicultural organisations in Victoria, ECCV is proud to have been the key advocate for culturally diverse communities in Victoria since 1974. For 40 years ECCV has been the link between multicultural communities, government and the wider community.

Cancer Council Victoria (CCV) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation and has a leading role in reducing the impact of cancers on all Victorians through supporting cancer research, prevention and support.

Background

Approximately 24% of cancer diagnoses in Victoria are in people born in non-English speaking countries¹. Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities experience poorer cancer outcomes, lower screening levels and lower participation rates in supportive care programs.

Reducing cancer prevalence, morbidity and mortality rates in CALD communities is a priority for both ECCV and CCV. Formalising this partnership is in line with priority areas 2 and 3 of CCV's Cultural Diversity Plan 2013–2016 and addresses ECCV's 2015–2020 strategic objectives to establish coalitions around key issues, identify sector collaborations and initiate key advocacy coordination.

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to:

- Formalise the partnership between the two parties and;
- Outline the principles of how ECCV and CCV will work together to improve cancer outcomes in CALD communities in Victoria and;
- Guide the development of future programs and research initiatives between the two parties.

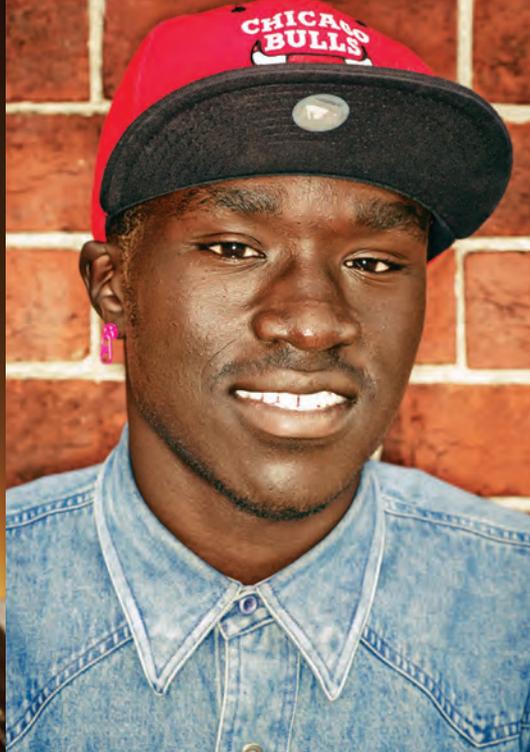
Principles

The parties agree to:

1. Be culturally responsive in the way they work together, including reciprocity, respect and mutual responsibility.
2. Have respect for the mission, and goal of each of the respective parties.
3. Commit to open discussion, positive negotiation and a problem solving approach in matters related to the relationship.
4. Recognise and respect the diverse strengths each brings to the relationship.
5. Have an equal decision making status on all matters related to fulfilling the relationship.
6. Recognise that adequate support is needed to facilitate the maximum input from CALD communities.
7. Recognise the evolving nature and the diversity within CALD communities.
8. Focus specifically on cancer in CALD communities in Victoria, however will provide reference to the health of CALD communities in other areas in Australia as required.

Scope of the Understanding

1. This MOU provides official recognition of the intent to establish an effective partnership between ECCV and CCV.
2. Any specific joint initiatives, projects or support activities will be undertaken through the development of a project agreement, which is to be negotiated and must be authorised by the signatories to this MOU.
3. The parties agree to cooperate within the principles of the MOU.
4. The parties will need to meet at least on an annual basis to identify strategic priority issues and to review progress of any project plans or agreements in place under this MOU.
5. Any intellectual property (IP) that arise directly or indirectly from this partnership shall be owned jointly, however the use of this IP shall not be used for anything other than the specified project, unless otherwise by mutual agreement of both parties in writing.



Commitment to work together

Both organisations will impart their expertise to address the health disparities currently present in the CALD sector. In 2014, this will be done by the following proposed schedule of activities:

Activity	Timeline	Lead Agency
Promote CCV's Relay for Life (RFL) events in nominated areas with high CALD populations	In line with RFL schedule	CCV & ECCV
Develop a plan for specific CALD communities to increase utilisation of CCV services, including Quitline and the Cancer Helpline	October 2014	CCV
Support the ECCV Health Policy Sub-committee to address inequalities in cancer control at a policy level	Bimonthly	ECCV
Review CCV's bilingual health programs to identify potential efficiencies and opportunities for better engagement with the sector	February – June 2014	CCV
Collaborate on applications for funding for CALD specific cancer control initiatives	On-going	CCV & ECCV
Develop and promote an online tool to address the high failure rate among CALD communities to attend health professional appointments	2014	CCV & ECCV

Review of the MOU

1. This MOU will remain in force for 3 years unless a variation or a review is requested by either party, or until it is terminated by notice in writing by either party.
2. In the event of a dispute, both parties will agree to mediation for the conflict resolution. Mediation may be provided by a person who is acceptable to both parties.

The ECCV Board considers MOUs as an organisation to organisation agreement and as such to be signed by the ECCV Chairperson representing the Board. In this case however, the ECCV Board being cognisant of the needs of the CCV is pleased to enter into this MOU at the operational level, signed by our respective CEOs.

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