**Communique – Meeting 2 (26 February 2021)**

Meeting 2 of the Implementation Group was held on the 26 February at the Family Inclusion Network WA and hosted by Ms Emma Truman. Emma provided an Acknowledgement of Country to commence the meeting.

Members present at this meeting were: Emma Truman, William Hayward,
Corina Martin, Keiran Dent, Glenn Pearson, Damien Parriman, Glenda Kickett, Jonathon Reid, Kate George and Rekisha Eades.

Members endorsed the terms of reference.

The group heard from Ms Vicky Tate, Head of Social work at King Edwards Memorial Hospital (KEMH) who talked about one of the proposed cohorts for the pilot, the pre-birth group, which was discussed at the Roundtables. The group sought feedback from Vicky regarding child protection districts and the unpublished data relating to the number of Aboriginal families who were involved with the pre-birth planning process. The unpublished data included children who had gone home with families and children who had entered the care of Department of Communities’ CEO.

Members reviewed a spreadsheet which recorded District responses to a District readiness survey. This was provided to inform members’ decision on the trial site locations for the pilot. The survey included criteria such as relationship with local Aboriginal community controlled organisations, self-evaluated responses as low, medium or high for District preparedness, capacity of the district in relation to Aboriginal staff, number of Aboriginal practice leaders and the current relationship with the Aboriginal community.

The Implementation Group short-listed five districts who they would like to invite to present at the next Implementation group meeting.

Members made special mention of the Aboriginal Advancement Council (AAC) of Western Australia. The AAC was formed in the early 1960s to represent the broad cross-section of the State’s Indigenous community and promote Aboriginal self-determination in Western Australia. The AAC involved political key players and activists many of whom have now passed on but are recognised as advocates for change particularly in the 60’s to 90’s in the local Noongar community. The tribute to the Advancement council is acknowledgment that many Aboriginal people have gone before the Implementation group in paving the way for a seat at the table in the AFLDM co-design process.