**Communique – Meeting 9 (21 May 2021)**

The ninth meeting of the Implementation Group took place at Wungening Aboriginal Corporation and was hosted by Mr Keiran Dent. Keiran provided an Acknowledgment of Country and opened the meeting which was attended by
Mr William Hayward (Co-Chair), Ms Emma Truman, Ms Rekisha Eades, Ms Corina Martin and Mr Damien Parriman.

In the absence of a quorum, members progressed with discussions and presentation viewing. Ms Mel Brown’s (Spirit Dreaming) presentation was recorded to be viewed by absent members out-of-session. Members will be required to view the session to provide further recommendation about the trainer approach for convenors.

The Implementation Group discussed Minister Simone McGurk’s planned announcement of the second pilot site which will take place in Mirrabooka on
26 May. A member will be required to attend with the Minister and provide comment regarding the importance of the AFLDM pilot in Western Australia.

Mark Burgess, Caretaker, Specialist Child Protection Unit, Department of Communities and Patrick Ryder, Aboriginal Practice Leader, Statewide Referral and Response Service, Department of Communities attended the meeting and presented a draft of the agenda for the 18 June workshop (rescheduled from 4 June to enable Geraldton staff to attend). The workshop was requested by the members and will focus on the further development of the practice guidance in partnership with Mirrabooka and Midwest Districts who will both send an allocation of staff to attend on the day.

Mel Brown from Spirit Dreaming presented to Implementation Group members and spoke of her experience with Family Group Conferencing in the Eastern States. Mel presented on the role of the convenor and the requirement to adapt the principles of Family Group Conferencing to a localised model for Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making which will be achieved through partnership with local cultural experts. Members discussed the presentation with the recommendation for the trainer to be decided out-of-session due to the absence of a quorum.