

MACBBVS

National Strategies Expert Writing Reference Groups

Each Expert Writing Reference Group will:

- be a formal working party of the MACBBVS and as such will be chaired by a member of the MACBBVS
- be formed by agreement of the MACBBVS and membership will be agreed by the MACBBVS Chair, ASHM, DoHA, and EWRG Chair and Deputy Chair (with the DoHA having final approval and deliberative vote)
- contain 2 members under the age of 30 and include appropriate representation from affected communities including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, the medical scientific community and government
- provide advice to the writers group which will be responsible for drafting National Strategies for the period 2009 to 2012 and
- be responsible for and bound by the terms of reference set out below.

Draft Terms of Reference

- To provide advice on and agree to the identification of priority populations across the strategies with the understanding that the priority will differ between the strategies for each of the priority populations.
- To provide advice on and agree to the identification of priority activity areas across the strategies with the understanding that the priority may differ between the strategies for each of the priority activity areas.
- To provide advice on an over arching statement which acts as a preamble to the strategies and explains the broader strategic response to HIV, sexually transmitted infections and viral hepatitis.
- To provide advice on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexual health and blood borne virus related issues.
- To contribute to the consultation process aimed at securing support for the national strategy approach and the specific issues and approaches contained within these.
- To provide advice on the development of implementation plans for each of the strategies.
- To suggest targets and performance indicators against which the strategies can be monitored and evaluated.
- Representative members of each of the Expert Writing Reference Groups will be required to act as a conduit between the writers, the reference group and their organization(s) such that their active participation will facilitate endorsement for the resultant strategies by the organizations they represent.

The MACBBVS will:

- provide advice on and agree to a format for the structure of the National Strategies to facilitate comparability across the strategies;
- provide advice to the writers, Expert Reference Group and through them the Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and State and Territory Health Ministers as to the extent to which the strategies are intended to be proscriptive or advisory, and
- recommend them to the Minister for Health and Ageing.