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FAR NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL INC. 2021-22 Annual Report

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2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT for the Far North Health Advisory Council Inc

To: Hon Chris Picton MP
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009 (Act) (Part 3, s12)* and the *Public Sector Regulations 2010 (Regulations) (Part 2, s7)* and the requirements of *Premier and Cabinet Circulate PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Far North Health Advisory Council by:

Tim Jackson

Presiding Member

Date 23/9/22 Signature



From the Presiding Member

At the outset I would like to most sincerely thank the members of the Far North Health Advisory Council who have worked diligently over the last twelve months to have the voice of the consumer heard. This is all done voluntarily. The work of Carol Arnold and Jenny Davidson in providing a monthly opportunity for consumers to express their views was outstanding. Can I also thank staff who have provide executive and administrative support to the HAC under very difficult circumstances caused predominantly by the pandemic.

During the year we called on the then Liberal State Government for an independent review of health services in the Far North. We were of the opinion that health services in the Far North have declined significantly over the last decade. No committed was received from the previous State Government nor has a response been received from new State Government. This action was consistent with our role as the voice of the consumer as set out in legislation and our constitution.

Fortunately a service planning project commenced in the Far North. This involves identifying the unmet health needs in the Far North. While this does not guarantee improve services it is a significant step in the right direction and the Eyre and Far North Health Network is to commended on this initiative. This work may negate the need for the independent review referred to in the previous paragraph.

There is definitely a need for a major overhaul of HACs. They either need to be better resourced or replaced with something more effective so that they can do their job as set out in the relevant legislation.

Hopefully the independent review of HACs required by State legislation will lead to there being a more effective voice for the health consumer.

Tim Jackson

Far North Health Advisory Council Inc

23/9/22



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Overview: about the agency

Our strategic focus

Our Purpose	The Health Advisory Council was established by the then Minister for Health and Ageing to undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community and to provide advice in relation to health matters, amongst other functions. The constitution is available at – www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FarNorthHAC
Our Vision	Not applicable
Our Values	Not applicable
Our functions, objectives and deliverables	The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Our organisational structure

Membership of the Health Advisory Council includes:

- 7 community members
- 1 staff representative from the Local Health Network

And can include:

- Nominee of Local Government
- A local Member of Parliament or their nominee
- A medical practitioner member

A list of current members is available at:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FarNorthHAC

Changes to the agency

During 2021-22 there were not changes to the agency's structure and objectives as result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Minister



Hon Chris Picton MP is the Minister for Health and Wellbeing in South Australia.

The Minister oversees health, wellbeing, mental health, ageing well, substance abuse and suicide prevention.

Our Executive team

Not applicable

Legislation administered by the agency

Not applicable

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc.

Ceduna District Health Services Advisory Council Inc.

Eastern Eyre Health Advisory Council Inc.

Far North Health Advisory Council Inc.

Lower Eyre Health Advisory Council Inc.

Mid-West Health Advisory Council Inc.

Port Lincoln Health Service Health Advisory Council Inc.

The agency's performance

Performance at a glance

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Agency response to COVID-19

Not applicable.

Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Agency specific objectives and performance

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community

Corporate performance summary

Not applicable

Employment opportunity programs

Program name	Performance
Not applicable	

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Performance
Not applicable	

Work health, safety and return to work programs

Not applicable

Executive employment in the agency

Not applicable

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

The following is a brief summary of the overall financial position of the agency. Full audited financial statements for 2021-2022 are attached to this report.

The Health Advisory Council was initially established as an unincorporated advisory council pursuant to the Health Care Act 2008 (the Act) as part of Country Health Gift Fund Health Advisory Council Incorporated (CHGF HAC Inc). On 27 May 2021 the Minister for Health and Wellbeing declared the unincorporated Health Advisory Council to be incorporated.

The Health Advisory Council did not have a right to receive any share of the net assets of CHGF HAC Inc.

The financial statements include all controlled activities of the Advisory Council.

The Health Advisory Council does not control any other entity and has no interests in unconsolidated structured entities.

The Health Advisory Council is controlled by Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc.

Statement of Comprehensive Income	2021-22 Budget \$000s	2021-22 Actual \$000s	Variation \$000s	2020-21 Actual \$000s
Total Income	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	0	0	0	0
Net Result	0	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Result	0	0	0	0

Statement of Financial Position	2021-22 Budget \$000s	2021-22 Actual \$000s	Variation \$000s	2020-21 Actual \$000s
Current assets	0	0	0	0
Non-current assets	0	0	0	0
Total assets	0	0	0	0
Current liabilities	0	0	0	0
Non-current liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities	0	0	0	0
Net assets	0	0	0	0
Equity	0	0	0	0

Consultants disclosure

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for the work undertaken during the financial year.

Consultancies with a contract value below \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Nil		Nil

Consultancies with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Nil		Nil
	Total	Nil

See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

Contractors disclosure

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for work undertaken during the financial year.

Contractors with a contract value below \$10,000

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Nil		Nil

Contractors with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Nil		Nil
	Total	Nil

The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts.](#)

The website also provides details of [across government contracts.](#)

Risk management

Risk and audit at a glance

Not applicable

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Not applicable	

NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Health Advisory Councils have specific functions and powers as defined in the *Health Care Act 2008* and the Constitution (for incorporated Health Advisory Councils), including actions that cannot be undertaken without the approval of the Minister.

Health Advisory Councils are instrumentalities of the Crown and subject to relevant Department of Treasury and Finance Treasurers Instructions.

The Constitutions identify the actions to be undertaken in the event of a conflict of interest. All declared conflicts of interest are reported to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing through the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc.

Public interest disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*:

Nil to report

Note: Disclosure of public interest information was previously reported under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* and repealed by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* on 1/7/2019.

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
Health Care Act 2008	Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

An Eyre and Far North Local Health Network response will be provided in the 2021-22 Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Annual Report, which will be available on the SA Health website.

Service Improvements

Not applicable.

Compliance Statement

Far North Health Advisory Council is compliant with Premier and Cabinet Circular 039 – complaint management in the South Australian public sector	Y
Far North Health Advisory Council has communicated the content of PC 039 and the agency’s related complaints policies and procedures to employees.	Y

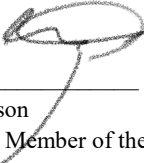
Appendix: Audited financial statements 2021- 22

FAR NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL INC
CERTIFICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We certify that the:


- financial statements of the Far North Health Advisory Council Inc:
 - are in accordance with the accounts and records of the Advisory Council;
 - comply with relevant Treasurer's Instructions;
 - comply with relevant accounting standards; and
 - present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Advisory Council at the end of the financial year and the result of its operation and cash flows for the financial year.

- Internal controls employed by Far North Health Advisory Council Inc for the financial year over its financial reporting and its preparation of financial statements have been effective.



Tim Jackson
Presiding Member of the Far North Health Advisory
Council Inc

08 / 09 / 2022



Hudson Vieira
Chief Finance Officer

08 / 09 / 2022

FAR NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL INC
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022
	\$'000
Income	
Total income	<u> -</u>
Expenses	
Total expenses	<u> -</u>
Net result	<u> -</u>
Total other comprehensive income	<u> -</u>
Total comprehensive result	<u> -</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FAR NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL INC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 30 June 2022

	2022
	\$ '000
Total assets	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>
Net assets	<u>-</u>
Total equity	<u>-</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FAR NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL INC
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Asset revaluation surplus \$ '000	Retained earnings \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000
Balance at 30 June 2021	-	-	-
Net result for 2021-22	-	-	-
Total comprehensive result for 2021-22	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2022	-	-	-

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FAR NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL INC
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022
	\$ '000
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<u>-</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FAR NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL INC
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 June 2022

1 About Far North Health Advisory Council Inc

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1.1 Objectives and activities

The Advisory Council is established to undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community, to provide advice, and to perform other functions as determined under the Act.

The Advisory Council is established to:

- advise on the health service needs, priorities and issues within the Local Area with particular emphasis upon those issues in the context of consumers of health services, carers and volunteers
- ascertain the health needs of the Community and the attitude of the Community to the development of health services within the Community
- advocate on behalf of the Community to support the planning and provision of health services as part of an integrated statewide health system for the benefit of the Community
- hold assets for the benefit, purposes and use of, the Health Unit(s) on terms and conditions determined as approved by the Minister
- undertake such other activities as the Advisory Council may determine for the benefit or support of health services in the Local Area

The functions of the Advisory Council are to contribute significantly to the improved overall health status of all people by acting as an advocate and providing advice about the provision of health services, health issues, goals, priorities, plans and other strategic initiatives both inside and outside the Local Area.

2 Resources received free of charge

Contribution of services are recognised only when a fair value can be determined reliably and the services would be purchased if they had not been donated.

Audit fees of \$310 were paid or payable by Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc for the audit of financial statements of the Advisory Council performed by Galpins Accountants Auditors and Business Consultants.

Although not recognised, the Advisory Council also receives various administrative services from Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc.

3 Contingent assets and liabilities

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position, but are disclosed within this note and, if quantifiable are measured at nominal value. The Advisory Council is not aware of any contingent assets and liabilities. In addition, the Advisory Council has made no guarantees.

4 Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel of the Advisory Council include the Minister, the Chief Executive of the Department for Health and Wellbeing, board members and the Chief Executive Officer of Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc and the members of the Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council did not enter into any transactions with key management personnel or their close family during the reporting period that were not consistent with normal procurement arrangements.

5 Remuneration of Council members

The total remuneration received or receivable by members was nil. In accordance with the Premier and Cabinet Circular No 016, government employees did not receive any remuneration for council member duties during the financial year. Unless otherwise disclosed, transactions between members are on conditions no more favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the entity would have adopted if dealing with the related party at arm's length in the same circumstances.