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AMSANT and Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre enter into Leadership Development Partnership

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory (AMSANT) and The Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) will today embark on a new partnership to work together to continue to deliver Regional Leadership Workshops to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service staff and other related service staff throughout the Northern Territory.

The parties will sign a two-year Memorandum of Understanding to formalise the relationship between the two organisations, and build on and further strengthen the success of the program which AMSANT has delivered since 2006.

This partnership comes at an opportune time as AILC now have a permanent presence here in the NT. AILC are the experts in delivery of leadership training and AMSANT are the peak body of a membership of 25 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in the NT. The partnership is a practical and mutually beneficial arrangement where each organisation can bring their collective capacity to the table to make certain that the commitment to Aboriginal Health Leadership training continues and our future leaders are supported to realise their aspirations and to continue to develop and grow the sector.

Following the success of a trial of regional leadership workshops held in Alice Springs last year, the regional model and approach will remain a feature of how they are planned and delivered under the term of this partnership.

Robyn Forester, CEO AILC welcomed the partnership. "The AILC is excited for the partnership with AMSANT. It provides both organisations with the opportunity to support and grow current and emerging Aboriginal Leadership in the NT. It will also allow the AILC to be accessible to many communities that have not benefited from AILC training in the past", Ms Forester said.

CEO of AMSANT, John Paterson, said "Aboriginal Health in Aboriginal Hands remains fundamental to the success and growth of our services throughout the NT. We need to be empowered and inspired to continue to grow our leadership capacity to meet demands of today and the future. Whilst our leadership journeys continue beyond training, the right training and motivation to spark and drive ideas provides the perfect starting point."

"This partnership is testament of how working together can reap real and meaningful gains as we support and invest in our future leaders", Mr Paterson concluded.

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