

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **CareSouth and South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation**

CEO and Board of South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation (SCMSAC) state that:

- We are committed to working with CareSouth in delivering services to members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Aboriginal) community. We understand that from time to time CareSouth will work with an aboriginal child or family in a range of programs including – OOHC / Foster care, DADHC funded programs including the Leaving Care Program and the Family Choices Program.
- We are willing to work with CareSouth in ensuring that services to members of the Aboriginal community are culturally appropriate, flexible and responsive to meeting their individual needs and preferences.
- On some occasions the SCMSAC will provide an appropriate worker to visit a CareSouth client in order to provide advice regarding the most appropriate approach to working with that client.
- We acknowledge that CareSouth recognises the SCMSAC as their 'agency of choice' when seeking advice on developing service systems to support members of the Aboriginal community in the Shoalhaven and South Coast Area.
- SCMSAC may from time to time provide 'Cultural Awareness' Training to CareSouth staff and carers.
- SCMSAC will seek to develop an ongoing relationship of support with CareSouth

CEO and Board of CareSouth states that:

- CareSouth will assist the South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation by supporting and assisting SCMSAC Staff to complete Foster Carer Assessments. CareSouth staff will assist SCMSAC staff to develop skills in Carer assessment.
- CareSouth will provide advice and support to SCMSAC staff to assist them develop their OOHC program by providing advise regarding recruitment
- CareSouth will seek to develop an ongoing relationship of support with the South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation
- Care South will offer professional and clinical support and training to the psychologist from SCMSAC regarding working with children in accordance with DoCS and OCCG guidelines and will participate in providing advice and support for the Koori Kids Wellbeing Project.

Payment for Services Provided under this MOU

- CareSouth and South Coast AMS will provide support detailed above for no cost. It is assumed that each agency will provide equal amounts of support to the other agency.
- Should one agency provide a disproportionate level of support to the other agency a mutually acceptable outcome may be negotiated. This negotiation will occur between the CEO of both agencies.

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