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Dear Professor Phillips,

Thank you for forwarding our letter to the Department of Health Review Panel. As the peak bodies for Public Health and Health Promotion in South Australia, we were pleased to meet with Mick Reid, Jeanette Richards and Terrie Paul on 6 September 2016 to discuss the review and its implications for the health and wellbeing of South Australians.

In our discussion with the panel we recommended that SA Health develops a clear, evidence-based, preventive health framework to build the capacity of individuals, organisations and sectors. This framework would aim to promote wellbeing and prevent chronic illness through:

1. Monitoring, surveillance and evaluation strategies to ensure that programs are evidence-based and targeted to priority populations
2. Continued and strengthened support to guide local councils to implement Health Plans under the Public Health Act
3. Continuation of capacity building within government to establish policies that protect and promote health and wellbeing across sectors through a Health in All Policies approach
4. Continued community capacity building through programs that aim to address the determinants of chronic disease
5. Establishing healthy settings in schools, workplaces, and local councils, with an emphasis on working with vulnerable groups with generally lower health outcomes

In our conversation with the panel we noted that PHAA and AHPA have traditionally had closer links to SA Health. We would be very interested to have a discussion with you to identify any opportunities for us to work together to strengthen and improve preventive health efforts in South Australia. Please advise if and when you would be available to discuss.

By way of example, nominations recently opened for the SA Primary Health Care Practitioner Award. We would be pleased to receive nominations from SA Health staff and have drafted a CE memo that you are welcome to edit appropriately and send out to your employees.

We look forward to your response.



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