



TheMHS Pre-conference Program 2005 -
Dancing to the beat of a different drum!

Tuesday 30th August 2005

1.30 – 4.30pm

MEETING ROOM 11

Indigenous Forum

“All Walls and Square Corners”

Forensic Mental Health and the Indigenous Community

This year the workshop is from the perspective of “ALL WALLS and SQUARE CORNERS” in Forensic Mental Health and the Indigenous Community. For Indigenous people it really is like all walls and square corners when trying to access services let alone entering the mental health sector. This expert Panel will discuss some of the issues related to forensic mental health and what needs to be done now and in the long term.

1.30-3.00pm

Panel Discussion chaired by Roger Thomas, Director for Australian Indigenous Research and Studies.

Speakers will talk about the issues in Forensic Mental Health relevant to the Indigenous Community.

3.00-3.15pm

Afternoon Tea

3.15-4.30pm

Discussion and questions

Panel Members include:

- **Theresa Francis** Manager, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Team, Noarlunga Health Village
- **John Harley** South Australian Public Advocate
- **Richard King** Manager Aboriginal Services, Dept of Correctional Services
- **Anthea Krieg** Nunkawarrin Yunti
- **April Lawrie-Smith** Director Aboriginal Justice, Strategy & Community Development, Attorney General Dept
- **Rus Nasir** Manager Aboriginal Kinship Program
- **Frances Nelson** South Australian Parole Board
- **David Panter** CEO Central Northern Adelaide Health Service
- **Tauto Sansbury** Advocate for Indigenous People

Issues to be discussed:

Each panel member will present for 5 minutes from their perspective of the issues/barriers for Indigenous people. Each panel member will highlight three key issues.

These key issues will be utilised as the focus of small group discussion to identify opportunities as a way forward.

