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The Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity (CPHCE) acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, and recognises their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

We would like to thank our long-standing collaborators and supporters, some of whom have been with us since our origins, in 1996. Since 2005, CPHCE began operating as a UNSW Research Centre within the Faculty of Medicine. CPHCE is affiliated with the UNSW School of Population



**CPHCE Steering Committee** oversees the work of the Centre, ensuring that it is accountable and financially sound. The committee met two times on 9th June 2022 and 23rd November 2022.

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**CPHCE Advisory Group** provides strategic advice to the Centre on its research program. The group met twice on 22nd July 2022 and 1st December 2022.

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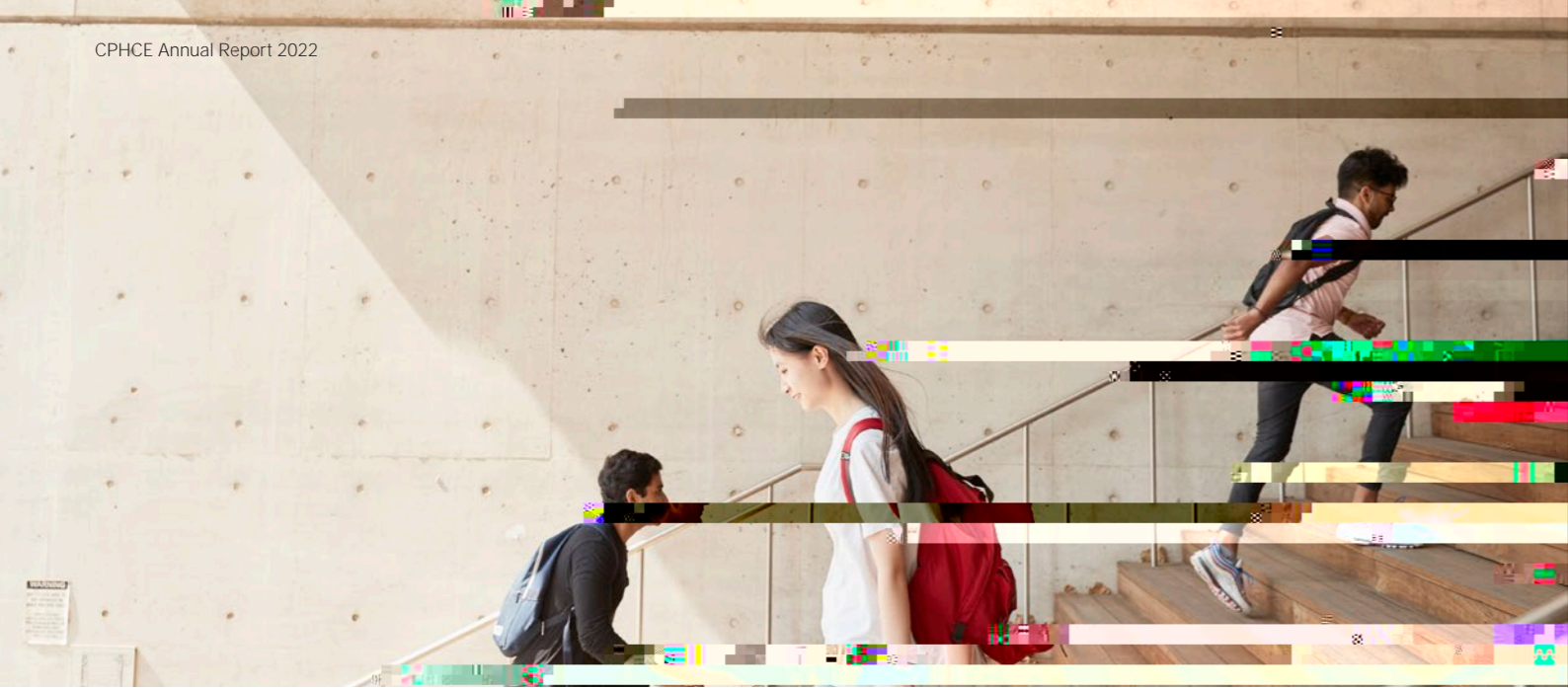
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2022 was a time of transition for CPHCE. Many of the staff made significant contributions to the public health response during the COVID-19 pandemic, returning to normal duties during the first half of the year. Another transition has involved Evelyne de Leeuw changing her role from being Director of CHETRE to a Chair of Urban Health and Policy, based at Randwick. Once again, I would like to thank all the members of the CPHCE executive, namely Freddy Sitas, Margo Barr, Fiona Haigh, Evelyne de Leeuw, Patrick Harris, Joel Rhee and Ben Harris-Roxas, for helping to steer CPHCE during this period.


I am proud to announce that during 2022 we were successful in securing infrastructure funding from NSW Health Prevention Research Program for a further four years. This has provided an important affirmation of the Centre's work and of our continuing partnerships with NSW Health, Local Health Districts and Primary Care Networks (especially SESLHD, SWSLHD, SLHD and CESPHN). We were also urged to explore the development of a partnership with one of the rural districts, and we began to do so in 2022.

The centre has continued to develop our programs of research on shared care between general practice and specialist services in SESLHD and SLHD, in the care of patients with cancer and severe mental illness. This research was being conducted in the context of significant pressure and stress within both general practice and some of the specialist services. This has significantly impacted on progress in our shared care research and highlights the importance of initiatives to strengthen the sector.

Our research on community health workers as navigators has continued to strengthen, with Sabuj Kanti Mistry successfully completing his PhD research on bilingual health navigators in general practice. Our NHMRC-funded trial of Community Health Workers following-up patients after discharge from hospital to community, commenced following on from the codesign phase and a lot of preparatory work.

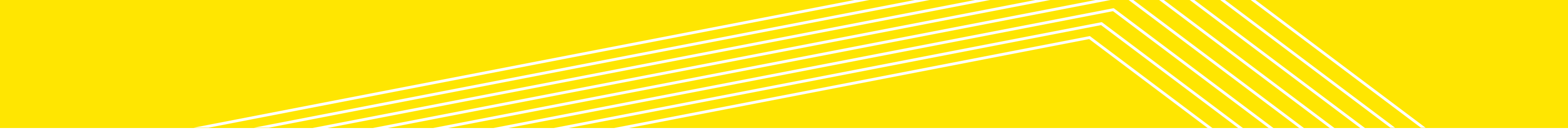
CPHCE's 20-year involvement on research in disadvantaged communities in Miller in South Western Sydney, continued with a fifth round of the household survey, which commenced late in the year. A review was conducted into the long-standing learnings by doing a capacity development program for equity research, and this has had implications for similar programs across the Centre. We also continued our work in refugee health, with studies examining barriers to access to primary health care faced by several refugee population groups.

In December, UNSW conducted a review of the Centre. This has provided an opportunity for reflection and renewal which we are continuing into 2023.



The Health System Integration and Primary Health Care Development stream is led by Margo Barr. It focuses on the role of primary health care in improving health and social care integration, with the objectives of improving health and wellbeing, service user experience, and health system effectiveness. The Stream's research on Improving Integration is concerned with the way that different parts of the health system work together to provide comprehensive and coordinated primary health care. This includes integration between primary health care, community health and hospital care. It also includes work on improving access to care in the community, especially for culturally

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The CES-P&CH was established by CPHCE, SESLHD, SLHD and CESP HN to inform joined-up primary and community services planning, program development and evaluation. This collaboration is being led by Margo Barr.

The CES-P&CH currently includes ten datasets linked



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## 2022

The Community Health Navigator Forum was held on Monday 24th October 2022 in the Tyree Room of the John Scientia Building. The forum was a hybrid event (online and in-person) and aimed to highlight the value of Community Health Navigators and to present local and international experiences of implementing CHN programs. It was sponsored by CPHCE, SLHD and CESP HN. There were about 95 registrants and the program included two international keynote presentations: one from Alex Farjardo, on the El Sol Community Health Worker training program in Southern

California, and one from Fiona Doolan-Noble and Danielle Dawson, on ten years of the Health Navigator Programs in the South Island of New Zealand. Other presentations covered a range of programs in SLHD, involving various sorts of community health workers in health navigation support, and two new programs, one in general practice and one for patients recently discharged from hospital. A panel session discussed the future direction for CHN programs, including supporting training, accreditation and supervision, and funding and ongoing development.

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Thirty-five people attended the two-hour research priorities webinar. The purpose of the day was to inform a program of work using the CES-P&CH for 2023 and beyond. Margo Barr, who leads the CES-P&CH team, provided information on the findings from the research to date. This was followed by the Keynote Address by Dr Kerrin Bleicher, Director, Research Assets at the Sax Institute. She spoke about the 45 and Up Study (from which CES-P&CH is based), what is included, linkage to other datasets, the COVID-19 Insights surveys for policy and planning, and future plans for the 45 and Up Study.

Primary health care and integration priorities and current



