

Nomination for IAHA Board 2019

Hi fellow IAHA Members my name is Stephen Corporal

I am an Eastern Arremte man with close family connections to many other First Nations people. I was born in Townsville and now live in Brisbane Queensland. I have a Bachelor of Social Work/Arts (Psychology) (UQ), Master of Social Policy (JCU), Pro Cert of Indigenous Research (Uni of Melb) and currently completing a Doctor of Philosophy (Griffith Uni). I currently work as a Lecturer in the School of Human Services and Social Work at Griffith University at the Logan Campus.

I have been privileged to be a member since 2013 and been on the Board of IAHA for 4years and in that time I have seen great growth in this time. The most enjoyable times I have had on the IAHA Board is seeing many of our mob come through the university system and develop as practitioners in their chosen field.

This is why to me; the Indigenous Allied Health workforce development is very important and is an integral part of IAHA so that we as strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can provide culturally safe and responsive health care to our people, families and communities.

Being involved in policy and strategic planning are important to me and I believe the time I have had on the IAHA Board I have always contributed to many discussions on both policy and strategic planning. I know it not just me but all the IAHA Board in these policy and strategic planning discussions. Teamwork is important and I am a team player.

I am a product of wanting to improve my health as an Aboriginal male and wanting to better the health of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities. I have spent many years of education to better myself to get a degree. I know each one of us have done that because we care about improving ourselves and providing the best health care for our people, families and communities.

This is why I would like to serve one more term on the Indigenous Allied Health of Australia Board as I know our current projects will see other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people especially our youth come through to be the best Indigenous Allied Health practitioners for our people, families and communities.

Sincerely

Stephen Corporal