Meetings:
• Every 3 months at EACH (East Ringwood side)
• Rotating chair and minute taker from participating organisations

Membership:
• Any organisation providing health, settlement or community services and/or support to refugees or asylum seekers in the eastern region of Melbourne
• Any person of refugee or asylum seeker background who represents his/her community

Aims
• To share information and service improvement activities
• To identify and advocate to address unmet needs and/or improve the health and wellbeing of refugees or asylum seekers in the eastern region
• To inform the Victorian Refugee Health Network about issues in the eastern region of Melbourne
• To provide education for members.
Current Membership of the ERRHN

- Community representatives (Karen and Chin communities)
- EACH social and community health (RH program, GPs, health promotion, etc)
- AMES settlement service
- Migrant Information Centre
- Blackburn English Language School
- Foundation House
- Swinburne TAFE (Health service)
- INSPIRO community health service
- Elishacare
- Dept. of Health & Human Services (Eastern Region)
- Dept. of Home Affairs
- Victoria Police
- Staff from local GP clinics who provide services for refugees
- Croydon Baptist (Karen) Church
- Primary and secondary school nurses (though the nurses located at Blackburn English Language School)
- Department of Human Services (Centrelink Multicultural officer)
- Victorian Refugee Health Network
Some of the activities of the ERRHN...

The Network has been operating since 2009 and some of the actions have included:

- Advocacy for funded immunisation (2010-2014)
- Actions to improve referral pathways (ongoing)
- Advocacy to DIAC regarding mental health status of people released from detention (2012)
- Identification of GPs willing to offer pro bono clinical care for Asylum Seekers without Medicare (2014)
- Development & distribution of ‘postcards’ expressing concern about asylum seeker policies sent to Minister of Immigration (2014)
- Ongoing program of speakers at meetings (eg MABELS, MIC playgroups, NDIS, etc)
- Advocacy to improve support and referral pathways for people experiencing drug and alcohol issues (2017-ongoing).