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ECCV announces appointment of Emiliano Zucchi as CEO

ECCV has appointed Emiliano Zucchi to the role of Chief Executive Officer.

Emiliano comes to ECCV from Northern Health, where he has been the Director of the Transcultural & Language Services (TALS) department and the Narrun Wilip-giin Aboriginal Support Unit (ASU).

Emiliano has extensive experience providing strategic leadership on diversity and inclusion, developing policy and implementing a diverse range of services in the health context during his 15 years at Northern Health.

He has led Northern Health's Cultural Responsiveness, Disability and Reconciliation Action plans and transformed the way hospital language services are delivered to people with limited English proficiency, leading to improved health outcomes.

ECCV Chairperson, Eddie Micallef, said Emiliano was a passionate and strong advocate for equitable access to services and issues important to our multicultural communities, and brought significant expertise in policy development informed by research, evidence-based practice.

Emiliano has been the Chair of ECCV's Health & Wellbeing Policy Committee since 2015 and was appointed to the ECCV Board in July 2021.

"Emiliano's understanding of ECCV from a policy and advocacy viewpoint, along with his leadership skills and values make him an ideal choice to lead ECCV," Mr Micallef said. "Emiliano has made a significant contribution to ECCV's work in the health sector over the past six years and we are fortunate to have him join ECCV in this leadership role."

Prior to working in Health, Emiliano worked for 10 years as a university lecturer and researcher and holds the position of Adjunct Lecturer in the School of Languages, Literature, Cultures & Linguistics at Monash University. He has published widely on the impact of cultural competence on health outcomes, and presented over 30 conference papers nationally and internationally.

Emiliano has also contributed to a number of projects, in collaboration with Donate Life, the Hume Whittlesea Primary Care Partnership, the Primary Health Network, the National Ageing Research Institute (NARI), and the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine (ACEM).

"It is an honour to have the opportunity to lead an organisation that has been advocating for Victoria's migrant and refugee communities for nearly 50 years," Emiliano said.

"I'm delighted to be joining ECCV at a time of significant growth and look forward to working with the sector to address the current challenges, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our communities.

"I look forward to working with the ECCV Board, staff and members to shape multicultural policy in Victoria and help build an inclusive and cohesive society."

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