



The Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute PHC RED Strategy 2004 National Meeting

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Overview

- APHCRI's mission and aims
- APHCRI as a virtual institute
 - Hub and Spoke model
 - Collaborative model
- Streams of research activity
- Vision and plans
 - Building connections



Mission

- APHCRI's mission is to *"provide national leadership in improving the quality and effectiveness of primary health care through the conduct of high quality priority-driven research and the support and promotion of best practice"*



Strategic Plan – Goals and Aims

- Goal 1: A stronger knowledge base
 - Specified Aim: To strengthen the knowledge base of primary health care to inform policy and practice through the conduct and support of research
- Goal 2: Uptake of research evidence
 - Specified Aim: To facilitate the uptake of evidence in primary health care policy and practice
- Goal 3: Enhanced research capacity
 - Specified Aim: To enhance research capacity in primary health care through strategic partnerships and collaborations with other relevant national and international groups
- Goal 4: An effective organisation
 - Additional Aim: To ensure that the Institute operates to the highest standards by developing and improving its organisational capacity to lead the national primary health care research network through appropriate staffing, resources and infrastructure, management practices and accountability processes

ANU APHCRI – a virtual institute

- “Hub and Spoke” model with the Hub being based at the ANU, and the Spokes being programs of research undertaken around the nation commissioned by the Institute’s Research Advisory Board.
- The Hub and Spokes together form the Institute and meet the Institute’s mission and aims
- \$15.8 million over five years to support the Hub and Spokes

ANU Elements of APHCRI


- Hub (ANU)
 - Director, a research team, and a secretariat. The Director is responsible for APHCRI’s academic, financial and management activity
- Spokes
 - the priority-driven research projects and programs undertaken by APHCRI
 - vary in location, identity and duration depending on the projects and programs APHCRI supports
- Research Advisory Board
 - has both advisory and decision-making roles
- Expert Review Committees
 - assess proposals for research funding

ANU Research Advisory Board

ANU Hub and Spoke Model

 **Declared Priorities**

- Innovation in State/Commonwealth relationships
- Innovation in funding arrangements for new or existing services/models
- Innovation in organisation and linkages within the in Primary Health Care sector

 **Research Program**

- Initial priority research questions identified
- National program of research in accordance with the priorities in progress
 - Stream 1 – funding allocated (\$400,000) and program underway
 - Five Spokes working with the Hub
 - Using and refining CAS theoretical framework
 - Stream 2 – funding allocated (\$100,000) and proposals being developed
 - Stream 3 – information workshop held and full proposals being to be received by COB 29th November
 - Up to \$6,000,000 allocated to this Stream

 **Vision and plans**

- PHCRED interconnectedness
 - Capacity development
 - Researcher development
 - Grants and awards
 - APHCRI
- National linkages
 - E.g. (not exhaustive) PHCRIS, NICS, NHMRC, NPCC, ADGP
- International linkages
- *“Together for our health”*

 **Who’s challenge is it?**

- “Not mine!”
- “Yours!”
- “Ours!”
- “Mine!”



Who will judge APHCRI's success?

- Users of APHCRI's "products"
 - Policy makers
 - Professional organisations
 - Consumer groups
 - NGOs
- The Research Community including participants in PHCRED
- The Australian Government as funder
- The ANU

- Questions?

