

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH e-BULLETIN — 12 APRIL 2010

This fortnightly bulletin is distributed by the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (through its Link people and website) to provide you with information on what's happening at the CRCATSIH and on issues of interest to Aboriginal health research.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH!

We extend our warmest congratulations to the Menzies School of Health Research on the 25th anniversary of their establishment!

Support Systems for Indigenous Primary Health Care Services Project

The Support Systems Project aims to develop knowledge on how to support the corporate functions of Aboriginal community controlled health organisations and so contribute to the viability and sustainability of ACCHOs across Australia. This project was identified as a priority project by the Board of the Cooperative Research Centre in Aboriginal Health (CRCAH) after consultation with ACCHOs and the sector. It is one of three such projects in the CRCAH's Comprehensive Primary Health Care, Health Systems and Workforce Program and was presented at Congress Lowitja in March, in Sydney. The project is led by Ian Anderson and conducted by Kate Silburn (La Trobe University) and Alister Thorpe (The University of Melbourne).

The project aims to improve the viability and sustainability of ACCHOs as corporate entities through:

- Identifying the range of corporate functions for which ACCHOs require external support;
- Developing a 'typology of services' as this relates to organisational capacity, context and requirements for meeting corporate support needs;

- Identifying access to and adequacy of existing support systems (for a range of service ‘typologies’); and
- Describing potential external support structures/frameworks required for provision of adequate support (according to service ‘typology’).

The Support Systems Project is in its final stages and is expected to be completed in July 2010. For further information:

<http://www.crcah.org.au/research/support_systems_phc.html> or contact Alister Thorpe, T: 03 8344 0640, E: <ahthorpe@unimelb.edu.au>; or Kate Silburn, T: 03 9479 3514, E: <k.silburn@latrobe.edu.au>.

CONFERENCES

Australia’s Health 2010 Conference, in Canberra, 23 June 2010. Presented by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. A range of engaging Australian and international speakers will provide the latest health statistics and informed commentary on health prevention, health reform and chronic disease. The conference will also review what the data showed in 2000, what’s happening in 2010 and what this could mean in 2020:

<<http://www.aihw.gov.au/eventsdiary/index.cfm#ah10>>.

Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) International Conference ‘Reflecting on Evaluation’, in Wellington, New Zealand, 30 August–3 September 2010.

Conference grants for emerging Indigenous evaluators: AES is providing grants to emerging Indigenous evaluators from Australia and New Zealand and emerging evaluators from South East Asia and the Pacific to support their attendance at the conference. The AES is particularly keen to encourage applications from emerging Indigenous evaluators from Australia, since few applications have been received from them in the past. The AES will provide support with preparing grant applications on request. Applications for these grants close on 4 June. For more information and the application form:

<<http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/drupal/node/41>>.

Healing Our Spirit Worldwide (HOSW), The Sixth Gathering, Hawaii, 3–10 September 2010, to be hosted by the Hawaiian Indigenous health organisation Papa Ola Lokahi focusing on successes, best practices and common issues in health, healing and addictions in Indigenous populations. Registrations close on 30 April: <<http://www.hosw.com/>>; CRCATSIH contact is Vanessa Harris, E: <Vanessa.Harris@menzies.edu.au>.

JOBS

Strategic Research and Evaluation Manager, Strategic Policy and Performance Unit, in Darwin. The Manager will work across business areas to bring a consistent and strategic focus to research and evaluation projects and activities and provide high level and strategic advice on the available evidence to

support education reform in the NT. For further information:
<www.nt.gov.au/det>, position number 19311, or Karen Cieri, T: 08 8999 5851,
E: <karen.cieri@nt.gov.au>.

Manager, Oodgeroo Unit, at the Queensland University of Technology, in Brisbane, fixed-term 5 years, to lead and coordinate the Indigenous academic and educational activities of the University: <www.jobs.qut.edu.au>.

MEDIA

New Indigenous health chair, ABC ration, *Life Matters* program, 30 March 2010. Dr Brad Murphy has been appointed chair of the new Faculty of Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Health at the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners: <<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/lifematters/stories/2010/2859119.htm>>.

\$1m donation to the Jimmy Little Foundation by Medicines Australia:

<<http://www.medicinesaustralia.com.au/pages/page255.asp>>.

Indigenous health workers wanted in NT, ABC TV News, 6 March 2010:

<<http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2010/03/06/2838588.htm?site=katherine>>.

Drug trial, ABC Television, Stateline NT, 26 March 2010 (Menziess research into Ivermectin and scabies in the Echo Island community:

<<http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2010/03/26/2857705.htm?site=brokenhill>>.

PUBLICATIONS

Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education (LIME) Newsletter 2 is available at:

<http://www.limenetwork.net.au/files/lime/LIME%20Network%20Newsletter_Issue%202.pdf>.

Preventing Infants Deaths among Aboriginal and Teenage Women in South Australia, University of Adelaide:

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/arch/research/indigenous_health/shrp_report.html>.

Through APO:

Diabetes: A Pandemic, A Development Issue or Both?, R. Colagiuri, Menziess Centre for Health Policy, <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/diabetes-pandemic-development-issue-or-both>>.

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National Best Practice Guidelines for Collecting Indigenous Status in Health Data Sets, I. Pieris-Caldwell, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/national-best-practice-guidelines-collecting-indigenous-status-health-data-sets>>.

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The Not-so-Standard Indigenous Question: Identifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victims, A. Hardman, Indigenous Law Bulletin:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/not-so-standard-indigenous-question-identifying-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-victi>>.

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Indigenous Cultural and Natural Resource Management and the Emerging Role of the Working on Country Program, K. May, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/indigenous-cultural-and-natural-resource-management-and-emerging-role-working-country-progr>>.

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Demography as Destiny: Schooling, Work and Aboriginal Population Change at Wadeye, John Taylor | Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/demography-destiny-schooling-work-and-aboriginal-population-change-wadeye>>.

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Evidence and Perceptions of Inequality in Australia, John Western, Jenny Chesters | Centre for Economic Policy Research:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/evidence-and-perceptions-inequality-australia>>.

A number of publications by Flinders University health researchers and others are listed in the Flinders Aboriginal Health Research website:

http://aboriginalhealth.flinders.edu.au/research/soc_emot_wellbeing.html.

Latest edition of the Flinders Aboriginal Health Research e-news:

<http://www.aboriginalhealth.flinders.edu.au/Newsletters/2010/News03_2010.html>.

Primary Health Care Research and Information Service infonet April edition:

<http://www.phcris.org.au/publications/ebulletin/issue.php?promoid=320&stk=re&id=2097&issue=08_April_2010&linkid=59397#59397>.

The Biology of Disadvantage: Socioeconomic Status and Health, by N. E. Adler & J. Stewart, University of California, San Francisco, *Annals of the New York Academy of Science*, vol. 1186, February 2010:

<<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/123291860/issue>>.

Designing Competencies for Chronic Disease Practice, A. Slonim, F. C. Wheeler, K. M. Quinlan, S. M. Smith, *Prev Chronic Dis*, 7(2) 2010 (Open Access Journal): <http://cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2010/mar/08_0114.htm>.

Health and Social Justice, by J. P. Ruger, Oxford University Press. 2010: <<http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199559978.do>>.

Table of contents and introduction available in pdf format at:

<http://fds.oup.com/www.oup.com/pdf/13/9780199559978_prelim.pdf>.

Integrative Primary Care and the Internet: Opportunities and Challenges, by M J Handel, *Integrative Medicine, Part I: Incorporating Complementary/Alternative Modalities*, 2010, Vol. 37(1), pp. 181–200.

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

Victorian Aboriginal Child Mortality Study website: <www.vacms.net.au>.

The Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association website:

<<http://www.indigenouspsychology.com.au/>>.

Closing the Gap Clearinghouse: <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/closingthegap/>>.

On Indigenous Perspectives in the National Curriculum:

<<http://www.reconciliation.org.au/extras/file.php?id=1029&file=indigenous+perspectives+in+the+national+curriculum+-+five+fast+facts.pdf>>.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FUNDING, GRANTS & TENDERS

NSW Aboriginal Health Awards. These NSW Health awards acknowledge the significant contribution of individuals, teams, agencies and communities to the improvement of the health outcomes of Aboriginal people in New South Wales. This involves the delivery of high quality healthcare through programs, services and dedicated health professionals in urban, rural, regional and remote settings. The awards celebrate the success of programs across the spectrum of health service: <<http://www.awards.expo.health.nsw.gov.au/aha2010>>. Nominations close 14 May 2010.

Health planning consultancy for the Darwin urban and Darwin rural health service delivery areas. The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable, qualified and experienced individuals or organisations to undertake culturally appropriate regional health service planning across Darwin Urban and Darwin Rural Health Service Delivery Areas. Closing date is 19 April 2010. For more information: Lauren Townsend on Ph: 08 8919 3462 or E: <lauren.townsend@health.gov.au>; W:

<<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/3160910>>.

ARC Discovery Indigenous Researcher Development Projects. The Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2011 are now available on the ARC website:

<http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dird/dird_fundingrules.htm>. Closing date TBC.

SEMINARS, COURSES AND SYMPOSIA

Beyond Evidence on Health Inequities: What works, why and how, in Adelaide, 27–28 April 2010. This NHMRC symposium aims to encourage debate between people from housing, trade unions, employers, health services, community organisations, Aboriginal controlled organisations and researchers. There will be sessions on housing, work and its affect on wellbeing, health in all policies, closing the gap in Aboriginal life expectancy, and evaluating progress towards equity. Speakers and panelists include: Pat Anderson, John Liddle, Ian Lowe, Tony Sherbon, Michael Marmot Kim O'Donnell and Ngiare Brown (Australia); Jennie Popay, Michael Marmot and David Pevalin (UK); Bridget Robson (New Zealand); Wayne Lewchuk and Louise Potvin (Canada): <<http://som.flinders.edu.au/FUSA/PublicHealth/AHIP/2010/>>.

Promoting Health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities, in Darwin, 20–23 April 2010. There are still some places available. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people seeking assistance with airfares, please contact Catherine Richardson, T: 08 8922 7873, F: 08 8927 5187, W: <www.menzies.edu.au>.

The Way Forward for Indigenous Health: A Focus on food and Nutrition, in Canberra, 22 April 2010. The symposium will highlight how investing in nutrition initiatives in Indigenous communities can make a difference to health status. There will be a focus on evidence-based initiatives in maternal and child nutrition, remote food security and urban and regional food security: <<http://www.phaa.net.au/documents/NatsinsapInformationflyer.pdf>>.

First National Forum on Safety and Quality in Primary and Community Health, in Sydney, 10 May 2010, 'Building the Agenda'. The forum will exchange information on the risks and issues around safety and quality in primary health care, provide ideas to address them, and explore the implications of the Federal governments health reforms on the safety and quality of primary health care in Australia. Speakers include Dr Helena Williams, Commission Member, Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care: <<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aipc/pchnetwork/national.htm>>.

Symposia by the Australasian Evaluations Society Inc.:

Developing Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks, in Darwin, 24–25 May 2010. The workshop will present participants with a conceptual model for the development of an M&E Framework, discuss design and implementation issues and consider any barriers or impediments with strategies for addressing these. It will also focus on the development of the Evaluation Plan within the M&E Framework. Inquiries: T:02 6262 9093, F: 02 6262 9095, E: <aes@aes.asn.au>.

Using purposeful program theory and logic models for evidence-based policy and practice, in Darwin, 21 July 2010. The workshop will introduce participants to purposeful program theory – a strategic and contingent approach to developing and using program theory and logic models to best suit the nature of the intervention, the intended use of the program theory and the particular organisational characteristics. Inquiries: T:02 6262 9093, F: 02 6262 9095 or E: <aes@aes.asn.au>.

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Beyond Evidence on Reducing Health Inequities Symposium: What works, why and how, in Adelaide, on 27–28th April 2010:

<<http://som.flinders.edu.au/FUSA/PublicHealth/AHIP/2010/>>.

4th International Indigenous Traditional Knowledge Conference ‘Kei muri i te awe kapara he tangata ke – Behind the tattooed face a stranger stands: Recognising, engaging, understanding difference’, Auckland, 6–9 June 2010:

<http://www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz>.

Inaugural National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Conference (NIDAC 2010) ‘Listening, Learning and Leading’, in Adelaide, 16–18 June 2010:

<<http://www.nidaconference.com.au/>>.

2010 PHC Research Conference (formerly GP & PHC Research Conference) Primary health care research and health reform: Improving care, in Darwin, 30 June–2 July 2010. Registrations are now open at:

<www.phcris.org.au/conference/2010>. Early bird registrations close 14 May.

9th World Indigenous Women and Wellness Conference, hosted by the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, 22–25 August 2010, in Darwin. More information from Jodie Farrow, Community Health Engagement/Health Promotions Officer, Danila Dilba Health Service, E:

<jodie.farrow@daniladilba.org.au>, T: 08 89435100, F: 08 89435101, W:

<www.daniladilba.org.au>.

Reflecting on Evaluation, in Wellington, NZ, 30 Aug–03 Sept 2010:

<<http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/drupal/>>.

14th Chronic Diseases Network (CDN) Conference – ‘Health Literacy: Opening doors to health and wellbeing’, in Darwin, 9–10 September. The 2010 CDN conference will focus on the role and impact of health literacy on the prevention and management of chronic conditions and its importance in achieving positive health outcomes. More information from CDN, T: (08) 8922 8280, E: <chronicdiseasesnetwork@nt.gov.au>.

2nd Australian Rural and Remote Mental Health Symposium, in Canberra, 20–30 September 2010: <<http://www.anzmf.asn.au/RMH10/Default.ASP>>.

Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) 2010 Conference, in Canberra, on 28 November–1 December. Under the theme, *Building on the Capital*, the conference will feature international and national speakers with a focus on new treatment, prevention and policy in the areas of drug and alcohol research. Symposia and abstracts that address all aspects of licit and illicit drug use/misuse are invited. For more information, W: <<http://www.apsadconference.com.au/>>, or E: <apsad@wsm.com.au>.

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