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CREATE welcomes new Centre Director

After six months with CREATE, we regret to inform you that Professor Alan Pearson has retired from the position of Chief Investigator and Centre Director within the program due to ill health. The CREATE team would like to thank Professor Pearson for his significant contribution to the CREATE program and we would like to wish him the best in the future.

In his stead, CREATE are proud to announce that the new Centre Director will be Professor Alex Brown, Head of Aboriginal Health Research at the Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, SAHMRI. Together with our partners, we are developing an exciting vision for the program, one we hope will contribute appreciably to reducing the disparity of health outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Methodology group update

CREATE held their second methodology group meeting on Wednesday 30th July. The group welcomed Mr Tim Agius, Director of Strategic Development at Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, to share his knowledge of barriers and facilitators to the access and use of evidence in Aboriginal Medical Services.

The CREATE methodology group was established with the aim of developing secondary research methodology that takes into consideration Aboriginal ways of being, knowing and doing.

NACCHO summit

Professor Alex Brown presented the CREATE program at the recent NACCHO second annual Health Summit, held at the Melbourne Convention Centre from 24-26th June 2014. The program was very well received, and the

invaluable feedback we have received has been incorporated into the program. In particular, there has been a strong interest in translational health research training opportunities. CREATE is currently developing a program of training that will be available to interested services starting in 2015.



Engagement with the Sector

CREATE researchers are currently engaging with representatives from each State and Territory peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health body to develop the program and opportunities for sector involvement. We have received a very positive response and some fantastic feedback to date, and look forward to additional meetings in the coming months to discuss opportunities for involvement in more depth, including topic identification and prioritization, two-way knowledge sharing to progress mutual objectives, and potential training opportunities.

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Setting the scene – Sector alignment of CREATE

The program of work within CREATE has changed significantly since its inception; however, all such changes have been made in response to engagement with the sector, and throughout this process the vision, objectives and core values have remained the same. This flexibility in program design is a significant strength of CREATE. Using such flexibility as a template, a strategy has been developed to ensure that work undertaken within CREATE will be of maximum benefit to the sector.

CREATE Programs

In conjunction with the Leadership Group, CREATE are developing a series of programs to ensure that the objectives of CREATE are met.

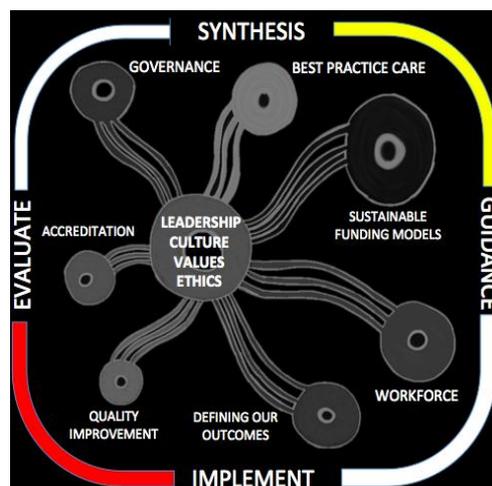
One of the key programs of work within CREATE is the establishment of new methods of synthesizing evidence that incorporate Aboriginal ways of being, knowing and doing. By expanding the concept of evidence to include traditional knowledge and by using new, appropriate criteria for determining the quality of evidence, these methodologies will facilitate more meaningful and appropriate ways of addressing issues in health care within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector.

Two priorities within CREATE are the synthesis and collation of evidence and defining best practice. The CREATE Leadership Group has identified eight domains, which will form the basis for discussions with the sector aimed at prioritizing a defined set of research questions. The results from these projects, combined with an analysis of evidence gaps and sector strengths, will help CREATE to inform best practice within the sector.

With regards to the second objective, CREATE is dedicated to developing capacity within the sector within the field of knowledge synthesis. Researchers within CREATE have entered a detailed planning phase. It is anticipated that training opportunities will be available to interested individuals and services in 2015.

CREATE framework

The CREATE framework is an illustrative representation of the way in which CREATE will conduct research, and is particularly relevant to the program of work focused on the synthesis and collation of evidence.



The steps of translational health science – Evaluation, synthesis, guidance and implementation - are used to address eight key domains that inform service delivery and policy, each of which are connected through CREATE's core values of Leadership, Culture, Values and Ethics. For more information, go to <http://create.joannabriggs.org>.

A Domain Focus

As mentioned previously, CREATE has identified eight domains that form a holistic picture of service delivery within the Community Controlled Health sector. Details of each domain are currently being unpacked in order to identify and prioritise these issues (as defined by the sector) and how best to address them.

If anyone would like to contribute to the development of CREATE's domains, please contact the CREATE Program manager at heath.white@adelaide.edu.au, or go to <http://create.joannabriggs.org>. More specific details for each domain will be available over the coming weeks.