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STREAM SIX

APHCRI is pleased to announce nine teams have been successful in securing funding in Stream Six funding round, addressing workforce issues.

The projects will examine workforce issues in Australia's most pressing areas of concern – rural and remote, indigenous health and mental health. Also under consideration will be the emerging multi-disciplinary care approach to primary health care, including the practice nurse role.

The research will not look at new models, but examine what national and international studies tell us, and will draw conclusions and put forward policy options from the evidence available.

Research in Stream Six will follow the model of the Institute's just completed Stream Four program, where researchers and policy advisers met regularly to discuss the research as it developed, with the aim of improving take up of the research into policy.

The teams will meet in Canberra on November 16 for their first workshop.

LEE MARTINEZ , STREAM ONE RESEARCHER, WINS MENTAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD



CHIEF INVESTIGATORS AND PROJECTS FUNDED IN APHCRI STREAM SIX RESEARCH PROGRAM:

A/Prof Jill Thistlethwaite, University of Sydney

Attracting health professionals into primary care: Strategies for recruitment and retention.

Prof John Humphreys , Monash University

Does ongoing education and training enhance workplace attractiveness and thereby improve retention of primary health workers practising in small rural and remote communities?

Prof James Dunbar, Flinders University

A systematic review of the evidence on the contribution of organisational development to optimising the workforce in primary care.

Dr Grant Blashki, University of Melbourne, Melbourne

Optimising the primary mental health care workforce in Australia.

Prof Jane Gunn, University of Melbourne, Melbourne

What is the place of generalism in the 2020 primary care team?

Dr David Perkins, University of New South Wales, Sydney

What is the place of generalism in mental health care in Australia?

Prof Nicholas Zwar, University of New South Wales, Sydney

Optimising skill-mix in the primary health care workforce for the care of older Australians.

Prof Helen Keleher Monash University

Primary and community care nurses: what policy frameworks, funding models and models of nurse education would support a sustainable primary care nursing workforce to meet the health care needs of the future.

A/Prof Dennis Pashen, Australian College for Rural and Remote Medicine

The expanding role of generalists in rural and remote health: A systematic review.

http://www.anu.edu.au/aphcri/Spokes_Research_Program/Stream_Six.php

STREAM ONE RESEARCHERS RECOGNISED IN DR MARGARET TOBIN AWARDS



*LtoR Back: Kathy Verran , Kathryn Cronin
Front: Kuda Muyambi, Lee Martinez, Bronwyn Ryan*

Members of the RAISE Well-being research team who participated in APHCRI's Stream One have been recognised for their efforts in improving mental health outcomes for Indigenous people at last month's Dr Margaret Tobin Awards for Excellence in Mental Health. The awards were set up in 2004 in memory of South Australia's former Director of Mental Health Services to recognise excellence in mental health provision in the State.

Lee Martinez, one of the Chief Investigators for the Stream One project, won the Excellence in Leadership and Commitment to Mental Health Reform Award. In her role as Regional Mental Health Program Manager for the North and Far West with Country Health South Australia Lee initiated the collaborative program that led to RAISE Well-being – a program that brings together the Pika Wiya Health Service and mainstream mental health organisations.

The RAISE (Regional Aboriginal Integrated Social and Emotional) Well-being project also won the Aboriginal Award, for excellence in the provision of mental health services for those most in need or most at risk. The program has been extremely successful in bringing together mental health services in the Port Augusta community and as a result the number of aboriginal people accessing mainstream services has tripled.

The team was thrilled with their success. Lee Martinez said the awards meant a great deal to the project team.

"For RAISE (the award) will mean State-wide recognition of the work, relationships and what can be achieved in collaboration between Aboriginal mental health and mainstream," she said.

"Being selected for the award gives a feeling of acknowledgment and recognition for the work that is done – especially being a country area, you realize you are 'on the right track!'"

INDIGENOUS HEALTH AWARD

RACGP/APHCRI INDIGENOUS HEALTH AWARD

Improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is one of Australia's highest health priorities. This is recognised in the joint funding by the RACGP and the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI) of the Indigenous Health Award.

The award is a grant for a 12 month research or education project to support improvements in indigenous health and is open to indigenous medical students, medical students who wish to gain experience in indigenous health, indigenous medical graduates undertaking general practice training, registrars and general practitioners undertaking research and educational projects in indigenous health, and other activities supporting the provision of high quality health care to indigenous people.

The award was established by a grant by RACGP immediate past President Michael Kidd and first presented in 2004. APHCRI began co-sponsoring the award in 2005 allowing two awards to be made for the past two years.

2006 winners:

Ms Marion Davies has been awarded a grant of \$2000 to establish a website, specific to Australian medical student research and elective opportunities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

Dr Elizabeth Grey has been awarded a \$2000 grant to explore whether employees quit smoking when a Health Service enforces a restricted smoking policy.

STREAM FOUR COMPLETED

APHCRI would like to congratulate all the teams who participated in Stream Four of our research program. The standard of the reports received has been excellent and an enormous amount of work has gone into them.

The Stream Four reports are being processed for the web and will be launched on the website from 10 November.

Professor Nicholas Glasgow gave an overview presentation to the Department of Health and Ageing on Stream Four, which was attended by various sections of the Department. There was a great deal of interest in the work of Stream Four expressed by participants and this is expected to be followed up once the full reports are published on the website.

UNIVERSITY LOGOS – CO-BADGING – DECISION REVERSED

In a previous issue of aphcri@work we reported that co-badging of University logos alongside the ANU logo on APHCRI funded papers and reports would not be permitted. As this was still an issue for many of our research teams and in our efforts to build on the 'virtual institute' model, Professor Glasgow took the matter up with the Director, Marketing and Communications Unit of ANU.

As a result of these discussions the earlier decision was reversed.

University groups participating in APHCRI research are now able to use their logo **alongside** the ANU logo when presenting at conferences or publishing APHCRI funded research results.

This can be seen on the Stream Four documents published on the website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We have had queries regarding acknowledgement of APHCRI in publications, presentations and press releases. There is a section in the Spoke Handbook on correct acknowledgement and this is reprinted below. These words are the exact words that should be used when acknowledging funding.

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