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Welcome to Issue 10 of the CREATE Bulletin. In this bulletin you will find news about the Leadership Group, our latest publications, recent knowledge exchange and updates of progress on the priority projects. We have also provided a reminder of ways you can get involved.

Leadership Group

Thank you again to all Leadership Group members who were able to attend our latest meeting on **Monday 27 July** in Adelaide. The main purpose of the meeting was to take stock as we complete the first 18 months of work and to ensure that the priorities for next 18 months are in alignment with the needs of the Aboriginal health sector. One important outcome of the meeting is that CREATE will begin to prepare brief, community friendly, plain English versions of all project outcomes – including preliminary findings – and will make these freely available and easily accessible on both the website and through our mailing lists.

Research Impact

CREATE publications are now available online:

- Davy, C., Bleasel, J., Liu, H., Tchan, M., Ponniah, S., & Brown, A. (2015). Effectiveness of chronic care models: opportunities for improving healthcare practice and health outcomes: a systematic review. *BMC Health Services Research*, 15(1), 194. Available at: [Systematic Review: Effectiveness of chronic care models](#)
- Gibson, O., Lisy, K., Davy, C., Aromataris, E., Kite, E., Lockwood, C., McBride, K. & Brown, A. (2015). Enablers and barriers to the implementation of primary health care interventions for Indigenous people with chronic diseases: a systematic review. *Implementation Science*, 10(1), 71. Available at: [Systematic Review: Enablers and barriers to the implementation of PHC interventions](#)

Knowledge Exchange

CREATE Website

The CREATE website has been updated and is now live at: <http://create.joannabriggs.org>

Portal

As requested by the Leadership Group, a **password protected portal** on the CREATE website has been developed for sharing information and resources for those people who have undertaken CREATE Capacity Strengthening activities. This portal ensures that the Study Guides, presentation slides and suggested readings for the Research Master Classes are available to all participants.

Conferences

The Team presented at the **Primary Health Care Research Conference**, which was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, 29-31 July. Stephen Harfield presented an overview of the CREATE program in a 3 minute presentation slot together with a poster, while Judith Gomersall and Karla Canuto prepared a poster on the review of systematic reviews.

The Team has also submitted four abstracts for the **9th Health Service and Research Policy Conference**, which is being held in Melbourne in December 2015. These abstracts focus on work from the Methods Group to be presented by Kim Morey, Funding Project Three to be presented by Kootsy Canuto and Judith Gomersall and Best Practice Service Delivery to be presented by Stephen Harfield and Carol Davy.

Best Practice Domain

The Best Practice Domain is presently seeking letters of support from peak bodies in preparation for an ethics submission for the case study phase of the service delivery model study. In addition, Stephen Harfield and the team (Carol Davy, Alexa McArthur and Zac Munn) are working on an initial scoping review which will be followed by two systematic reviews – one focusing on effectiveness and one on acceptability regarding characteristics of Aboriginal primary health care models of service delivery.

Please contact Stephen if you would like to be involved with any of the following activities:

- Reviewing the initial synthesis report
- Reviewing the draft systematic review(s)
- Circulating information to potential case study sites
- Participating in a case study of best practice service delivery

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Sustainable Funding Domain

Sustainable Funding Project One

A discussion paper led by Brita Pekarsky was presented at the recent Leadership Group meeting for comment and feedback. Feedback from the Leadership Group on this paper, which discusses strategic options for the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector around the Medical Benefits Schedule and other financing models, will determine how to move this work forward in the near future.

For more information, please contact Brita Pekarsky at: Brita.Pekarsky@sahmri.com



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Sustainable Funding Project Three

Work on the systematic literature reviews for Funding Project Three is continuing in accordance with the protocol and timeframes. Opportunities to be involved in this project may include the following:

- Reviewing the studies and evidence to be included in the systematic reviews
- Reviewing and providing input into the qualitative review of people's experiences of care
- Reviewing and providing input into the quantitative review of the effects of primary health care service provision
- Reviewing and providing input into the mixed-methods review of costs and options for improving efficiency

For further information or to find out how to contribute to the work of the Funding Project Three, please contact Judith Gomersall at: Judith.Gomersall@adelaide.edu.au

Health Promotion Domain

The protocol for the scoping review has been submitted to the JBI library and Karla Canuto and the team (Catalin Tufanaru, Craig Lockwood and Ed Aromataris) are currently reviewing titles and abstracts of the initial search outcomes.

Opportunities for you to become involved in 2015 may include:

- Reviewing results of the scoping review to identify priorities of the Aboriginal Health Sector
- Providing advice and support around subsequent systematic reviews
- Leading a review supported through CREATE Capacity Strengthening program (June-December 2015)

While Karla is on maternity leave, please contact Pam Fletcher for more information: Pam.Fletcher@sahmri.com

New Faces at CREATE

We are very excited to announce two new Affiliate Researchers on the CREATE.

Dr Dylan Coleman



Dylan is a Kokatha (Gugatha) Aboriginal/Greek woman from the far west coast of South Australia. She is a Lecturer in Yaitya Purrna Indigenous Health Unit, School of Population Health, at the University of Adelaide. In 2011, Dylan completed her doctorate at the University of Adelaide's English Department. It explores Indigenous narrative process and its capacity to recreate stories of trauma and loss into ones of survival and liberation.

Dylan's experience is in community engagement within various Indigenous communities throughout Australia, and in South Australia in the area of public health, with a focus on substance misuse and building community capacity and resilience through community controlled approaches to health. Current research includes regulation and law in relation to the maintaining of healthy weight in Aboriginal children; and aspirational pathways for Indigenous youth supported by collaborative and coordinated multi-service delivery approaches. Dylan also has a keen interest in Indigenous Sovereignty and community pathways to Aboriginal self-government and supports the Constitutional Recognition campaign.

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Mr Justin (Kootsy) Canuto



Kootsy is a Torres Strait Islander, born and bred in Cairns, Far North Queensland. Kootsy's grandmother is a Gumulgal woman of the Wagadagam clan, from Mabuiag Island in the Torres Straits and his totem is the salt water crocodile. Kootsy brings with him a wealth of knowledge from his time living and working throughout Australia in both private and public sectors.

All Kootsy wants out of his work life is to make a meaningful contribution to the improvement of the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Kootsy is currently working towards his PhD which focusses on accessing and utilising primary health care services by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men. Kootsy is also an Affiliate Investigator within CREATE.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Karla and Kootsy Canuto on the birth of their daughter **Ruby Joy Canuto** on Thursday 30 July! All the very best wishes to your growing family from all of us.