

KVC Indigenous Caucus – summary of meeting

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Terms of Reference

1. Provide input into priority setting and current and future direction of the KVC research program;
2. Discuss the conduct, appropriateness, and progress of KVC research projects;
3. Provide direct support, guidance and mentorship (where appropriate) to the KVC Indigenous Research Fellows (IRFs);
4. Provide input into the capacity building and knowledge translation;
5. Consider the ethical conduct of all research activities of KVC;
6. Advocate to ensure that the specific needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and organisations are central to KVC and its activities;
7. Participate in the dissemination and translation of outcomes from the projects and advocate for the implementation of the study findings.

ISSUES IDENTIFIED

1. LAG BETWEEN STUDIES/ENGAGEMENT
2. UPREGULATE SUPPORT TO SUSTAIN AND RESOURCE LOCAL CAPACITY
3. IRF ISOLATION
4. ENSURING PATHWAYS TO FURTHER STUDY AND QUALS ARE EXPLICIT/SUPPORTED
5. PREP PHASE FOR DEPLOYMENT AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS NEED BETTER PLANNING AND ADEQUATE TIME AND RESOURCING
6. COORDINATION OF SITE VISITS (PRE,DURING AND POST) NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

ESSENTIAL STEPS

- * EMBEDDING INDIGENOUS INTERPRETATION OF DATA INTO THE METHODOLOGY
- * STRENGTHEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP
- * BROADENING OUR REACH INTO COMMUNITY AND APPROPRIATE POLICY/DECISION MAKING WITH RESULTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF WORK
- * STRENGTHEN MENTORING AND EXPLICIT CONNECTORS
- * FEEDBACK AND MESSAGES
 - * What we found; what do you think it means; who needs to hear this and how best to deliver the message
- * Broader partnerships – influence health financing/policy



NEXT

1. How do indigenous people see/understand chronic disease?
2. 'WELLNESS' AGENDA
3. SPECIFIC EDUCATION/FEEDBACK PLANS
4. EXPECTATIONS AND IMPACT STATEMENTS