



LEAP Project Update

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Welcome to our first LEAP Project update! In our recent face-to-face meeting in Cairns, we agreed to build upon our shared values of mutual respect and two-way learning by having clear and open communication between partners in the LEAP Learning Community. This type of communication is key to improved health services. We hope this regular email update contributes to great communication between partners in the LEAP Learning Community.



LEAP Project service partners

As you know from our face-to-face meeting in Cairns in August, seven LEAP Project service partnerships are now committed and the next steps are being planned or underway. We are negotiating with our final service partner in Northern Territory, with Sarah and Nalita planning to meet with them in community this week to progress the proposed partnership.

Ethics and approvals

Approvals for the research is finalised for the Northern Territory partner services, and some of our Queensland services. Western Australian Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee are reviewing the ethics application for the involvement of Putukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service at their September meeting, and the Bamaga Health Centre work is still subject to research governance approval.



Field trips for case studies

The first field trip happened this week, with Sarah and Nalita joining Sinon Cooney, Zoe Evans and the KWHB team at Lajamanu to speak with service users, health workers and managers. It is exciting to get this first lot of conversations started, following our collaborative improvements made to the interview and group discussion questions. More details in the next Update, but for now this photo taken at Cahill's Crossing shows that nothing stops Nalita and Sarah working - not water over the road, or crocs eating barra in the river!

Some partner services are now consulting with elders and senior health workers and making a few changes, including translating the interview guides into local languages. Michelle and Karen have been talking with services to arrange the best times to travel, and who the LEAP project team will meet with. So far, the following visits to services are planned:

Lajamanu Primary Health Care Clinic: Nalita and Sarah, September 2018

Naiyu Community Health Centre: Nalita and Karen, October 2018

Putukurnu AMS: Nalita and Judy, end October/early November 2018 (to be confirmed)

TAIHS Townsville: Donald, Sarah, Karen, Rebecca, November 2018

Ngalkanbuy Health Service, Galiwin'ku: Catrina and Nalita, November 2018

CWAATSICH Charleville: Veronica and Karen November 2018

Bamaga Health Centre: Donald and Michelle December 2018



Communication and Media

Karen and Michelle are finalising the Microsoft Teams platform for you to link into. You will all soon receive an invitation to join the **CMD - LEAP Project Team**, and will know it is our Team when you see our group photo from the face-to-face meeting appear. Once you connect into the CMD - LEAP Project Team, you can start talking with each other, sharing documents and stay connected. We will send a short list of instructions to get you connected – but we hope it is easy for you to link in. For now, you

can view this [short video](#) that explains how TEAMS works.

We have also had some media exposure from our recent meeting in Cairns – you can read the JCU AITHM story at the link below. We thought we would keep the ‘LEAP in’ theme going! Do share this story with your colleagues and friends.

The Minutes from the LEAP Steering Committee meeting that was held on Wednesday was also sent this week, with more details about the progress of the Project there too.

[Read more >>](#)



Photo Spot

For those who were a part of our Lessons From The Best project, you will know that each Project Update included a photo from a place we work. Well, it is time to bring back the Photo Spot! Today we start by sharing a photo of beautiful Injinoo country, in Cape York where

the Bamaga Health Centre is located. If you have a photo you would like to share, just email us at leap@jcu.edu.au

More information

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