

Research Subcommittee Action Plan 2021 – 2024

Summary:

Each KAHPF subcommittee is responsible for developing a three-year action plan for endorsement by KAHPF. These Action Plans align with the key priorities of the Plan and consider a life-course approach:

1. Promoting circumstances where individuals, families and communities can be healthy
2. Strengthening prevention, early identification and management of chronic disease
3. Improving the patient journey through the health system by ensuring seamless continuity of comprehensive, culturally responsive primary health care
4. Supporting, developing and growing a strong Aboriginal health workforce
5. Ensuring health research, evaluation and evidence transfer is designed, collected and utilised in a culturally secure manner
6. Planning, coordinating and advocating for positive change for Aboriginal people in the Kimberley



Reporting:

Each sub-committee will provide a regular progress update to KAHPF by submitting an updated copy of their action plan to the KAHPF Secretariat prior to each KAHPF meeting. In addition, sub-committee chairs will meet annually with the KAHPF to discuss key achievements and identify areas requiring further focus and support.

Sub-committee purpose:

The Research Subcommittee aims to encourage a cohesive approach to health research in the region to enable the region to derive maximum benefit from any research activity that occurs. It will also develop and recommend to the KAHPF strategies to minimise any negative impact of research on the people and health services of the region.

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Strategies	Key Priority	Life course	Sub-committee collaboration	Timeframe	Progress
Robust review of research project applications to the KAHPF Research Subcommittee, for alignment to regional priorities, cultural safety, burden and benefit to health services and communities, and adherence to KAHPF research requirements.	All	All	All	December 2024	Ongoing.
Ensuring alignment of health research processes and expectations in the Kimberley across all KAHPF organisations.	5, 6	All	All	December 2022	Complete with ongoing communication with organisations as opportunities arise.
Research data collection and ownership is in line with current best practices for Indigenous data sovereignty and intellectual property.	5, 6	All	Data	December 2024	Ongoing.
Updated KAHPF Research Subcommittee application process and support for ACCHS/ACCOS.	5, 6	All	All	December 2024	Complete
Ensure information received through annual and final reports is disseminated in useful formats to all relevant people, communities and organisations.	All	All	All	December 2024	Initial meetings with KAHPF subcommittees to discuss the information available on past projects and determine best way to share this. Continued discussions with researchers about reporting requirements for their projects with new projects not supported if there are outstanding annual or final reports. Ongoing.
Communications to inform stakeholders on the function, purpose and expectations of	All	All	None	December 2024	Ongoing.

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health research in the Kimberley, including research moratoriums, local restrictions and directions.					Development of communications for vaccine requirements of researchers – complete
Maintain an up-to-date record of KAHPF Research Subcommittee projects.	All	All	All	December 2024	Complete, continuing.
Work with WAAHEC to ensure a streamlined and aligned research application process.	All	All	None	December 2024	Ongoing. Progression impacted by ongoing moratorium.
KAHRA will continue to provide secretariat support to the KAHPF Research Subcommittee to facilitate the delivery of this Action Plan.	All	All	All	October 2023	Ongoing until end to KAHRA’s funding. The KAHRA Lotterywest contract is due to expire on 30 June 2023. An extension request to 31 October 2023, utilising existing funds, is in progress. No further funding has been secured at this time.