

## Purpose of the Stakeholder Forum

The Stakeholder Forum is a key component of Health Translation SA's governance and its **purpose is to inform, consult and involve key stakeholders** in the development of priorities, projects, the enabling platforms, people development activities and advocacy activities of Health Translation SA (HTSA). Stakeholders are defined as any individual, organisation, sector or community that has a 'stake' in enhancing the rate of translation of research into healthcare to create a self-improving, sustainable and high-quality health system.

## Program

The 2019 Stakeholder Forum was held on **Wednesday 6 November 2019 from 9 am to 12 pm** in the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) Auditorium. The forum was chaired by Lincoln Size, CEO Cancer Council. There were 45 attendees. (Refer Appendix 1.) The program for the Forum included a number of presentations followed by an interactive strategic session:

### Presentations

- **Wendy Keech** presented a Health Translation SA Update
- **Professor Paddy Phillips** presented on the role of the Commission for Excellence and Innovation in Health
- **Professor Gillian Harvey** presented one of HTSA's exciting MRFF strategic projects the STARR- SA State Action on Avoidable Re-hospitalisation and Unplanned Admission: an integrated Knowledge Translation Project across SA

### Interactive Session

HTSA CEO, Wendy Keech, began the session with a presentation entitled – 'Not just a Letter of Support'. The presentation outlined research funding opportunities available through the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF). It was emphasized that the focus of the MRFF is partnerships, collaboration, leverage and co-investment, together with burden of disease and unmet need. Consequently, stakeholder involvement is crucial to the success of MRFF funded projects.

Given the requirement to strengthen stakeholder involvement in research proposals, the interactive session aimed to explore how HTSA can support stakeholders to be more engaged in the work of HTSA and ensure that the areas of research translation most important to them are prioritised and progressed in SA.

**Members of each table were asked to discuss the following two-part question:**

- **What can HTSA do to ensure that the areas of research that are most important to your constituents are prioritised and progressed in SA?**
- **What can stakeholders do?**

## Outcomes of the interactive session

At the close of discussion all table groups reported back, and the responses were collated. A summary of the responses is provided below.

### What can HTSA do to ensure that the areas of research that are most important to your constituents are prioritised and progressed in SA?

- Keep stakeholders informed: facilitate connections with the research community
- HTSA should note that carers are underutilised. They often have good health literacy and expertise and skills developed through their lived experience
- Think about how research is prioritised. It is often based on deficits rather than strengths
- Need industry representation to facilitate the economic opportunities.
- Time lines can be an issue for NGOs who are often frustrated by short response times given for constituent feedback
- Develop some standardised documents e.g. standard MOU to assist with confirming participation in short timeframes
- Many NGOs and peak bodies have strong, well-established networks and can assist with consultation with their constituents. Build this expertise into projects (including funding and/or in-kind support)
- Very interested in funding opportunities. Would be great to unpack some of the successful MRFF applications
- HTSA need to identify relevant useful data that can be accessed from stakeholders
- Remote health is an area requiring attention and it is an opportunity for industry and innovative solutions
- Need to profile our stakeholders. Make sure the research community knows who to talk to
- Disability is the hidden sector: where is the research?
- Not enough focus on prevention: need a family focus and a life course approach
- Request more information regarding data: very interested in the HTSA Health Analytics Research Collaborative. Is there a role for stakeholders?
- Tighten up the Stakeholder Group into a network/community of practice: currently too loose
- Activity must be interdisciplinary. HTSA can facilitate a culture of collaboration and a systems-thinking design-led approach
- HTSA must use best practice user engagement approaches
- Need to expand group to include Professional Associations to identify workforce priority areas

### What can stakeholders do?

- Identify and work with the researchers who specialise in your field of expertise
- Make available information on what data is held by your organisation. Many stakeholders have useful information including industry data
- Inform the research community about your consumer informed research agenda and transfer the knowledge that you hold
- Document your organisation's research priorities and your organisational expertise. Tell researchers how you can add value

## Recommendations

1. Ensure all stakeholders are on the HTSA E-newsletter distribution list
2. HTSA to conduct a survey of stakeholders:  
 Questions could include:
  - Interest in being part of a HTSA network/Community of Practice
  - What are your organisational research priorities – state/ national – are they documented?
  - What are your organisational links with the research community in SA and Australia?
  - What is your organisational expertise – what can you value add to research projects
3. HTSA to explore options for developing a standardised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to simplify the process for establishing partnerships with stakeholders
4. Establish the Stakeholder Forum as a network of members/ associate members of HTSA. Use this as a link between researchers and stakeholders, for information sharing, skill development opportunities and more
5. Discuss stakeholder involvement in the data field with the Health Analytics Research Group (HARC)
6. Ensure disability and prevention are considered in future HTSA priority setting
7. Seek feedback from stakeholders regarding other groups that should be invited to join the network



## Appendix 1 - Attendee List

First Name	Surname	Organisation
Andrew	Kellie	East Adelaide Health Care
Antonio	Cocchiaro	Mid west Health
Beverly	Kennedy	Consumer
Carmel	McNamara	STARRS
Chris	Lighttower	SAHMRI
David	Van der Hoek	SA Health
Denise	McMillan-Hall	Arthritis SA
Dr Bob	Riessen	Consumer
Ellie	Hodges	LELAN
George	Turley	Consumer
Gillian	Harvey	Uni of Adelaide - Speaker
Grant	Davies	Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner
Jane	Austin	Health Performance Council
Jane	Andrew	University of SA
Jane	Goode	APHN
Janette	Routley	SA Health
Janine	Dizon	Uni of SA
Jo	Rayner	Arthritis
Jo	Williams	Asthma
John & Barbara	Hopwood	SAHMRI Supporter
Julia	Overton	HCASA
Kathryn	Hudson	SA Health
Lan	Kelly	Uni of SA
Lea Thin	Seow	SAHMRI Supporter
Lidia	Conci	Managing Director AvantiCare
Marco	Baccanti	CEO Trajan Nutrition
Maria Alejandra	Pinero de Plaza	Consumer
Marianne	Lewis	Carers SA
Marie	Ludlow	Heart Foundation
Mario	Corena	Consumer
Nigel	Cooper	Asthma SA
Rachel	McKay	Heart Foundation
Sarah	Crossing	Nunkuwarrin Yunti
Steve	Tully	Health Performance Council
Tiffany	Gill	Adelaide University
Yasmin	Van Vasteren	Flinders University
Clare	Bradley	SAHMRI
Andrew	Zannetinno	Uni of A/ CALHN/ Board member
Grant	Batt	