

Stakeholder & Community Forum

Thursday 20 May 2021

Purpose of the Stakeholder & Community Forum

The Stakeholder & Community 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 2021 Stakeholder Forum was held on Thursday 20 May 2021 from 9 am to 11.30 am in the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) Auditorium. There were 42 attendees at the Forum, which was chaired by Lincoln Size, CEO Cancer Council. The purpose of the forum was to share key updates from HTSA, seek feedback on HTSA's strategic directions for 2021-2024 and provide opportunities for stakeholders to network. The program for the forum included several presentations followed by an interactive strategic session.

Presentations

- > **Wendy Keech** presented a Health Translation SA Update
- > **Prof Susan Hillier** presented one of HTSA's exciting MRFF strategic projects, the Primary-Acute Care Interface Data project.
- > **Dr Owen Churches** presented an overview of the many projects HTSA's Data Fellows have been working on over the past 15 months as part of the Health Analytics Research Collaborative.

Interactive Session

The Chair of HTSA's Board of Partner, Dr Leanna Read, began the session with a presentation on the HTSA's process for developing the Health Translation SA Strategy 2021-2024. The Strategy reflects the high value our Partners place on our role as an independent broker and catalyst to identify areas of need and enable the development of impactful projects that lead to health service and system enhancements and improved patient outcomes with appropriate stakeholders.

In recognition of HTSA's role as an independent broker, the interactive session explored opportunities where broader stakeholder groups could connect with our strategy to further enable impactful research in areas of need for South Australia.

Members of each table were asked to provide feedback on the draft strategy from the perspective of their organisations, and to discuss

- > **How their organisation might/could connect with this HTSA strategy?**
- > **Identify 3 areas of interest to their organisation**

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.

There was a very positive support and engagement with the refreshed strategy, particularly interest in:

- a) HTSA assisting organisations represented to identify areas of unmet need in SA and a process for funding allocation and
- b) HTSA collaborating with these organisations to leverage both their data assets and significant consumer engagement and voice

Feedback on Health Translation SA Strategy 2021 -2024

General feedback

- > *"HTSA is tackling major state-level challenges efficiently and is targeting the right priorities"*
- > *"Your expertise is precious to us and can help us inform our work"*
- > *"Through our collaboration with HTSA we have been able to get other grants and make connections across the state. They enabled us to reach out to others, and they taught us how to engage with consumers. We learnt a lot through that process and now actively engage with consumers. So, I'd say keep doing more of the same"*
- > *"Very strong – in total agreement with the strategic priorities"*
- > Agree with the collaborative/codesign approach, as this ensures this benefits the shaping of research and research translation.

Specific feedback

Sustainability

- > HTSA sustainability is very important
- > Market HTSA as the network that provides the 3 strategic priorities outlined.
- > Visibility of HTSA's role as an independent facilitator is needed
- > HTSA still seen by some to be a "funding agency", build profile around connecting groups/people

Consumer engagement

- > HTSA has an opportunity to leverage its Consumer Register and lead an independent peak body for the consumer voice in research. It would be great to see that included in the strategy
- > How can you deepen & broaden the consultative reach for patient engagement?

Capacity building

- > Consider state-wide Implementation Science Awards to raise the profile of translation in health (e.g., Rising Star – for rapid adoption of best practice; SA Excellence Award – best practice adopted in SA)

Strategy gaps/Opportunities

- > Key objective of identifying & enabling development of research projects that target unmet needs and developing the enabling processes to translate to practice will be beneficial to all stakeholders in SA
- > Promotion/provision of incentives (grants) to facilitate this would be beneficial
- > Access to statistical assistance has long been a need identified by SA grants committees, in addition to data access.

How their organisation might/could connect with Health Translation SA Strategy 2021-2024?

- > To work with HTSA as an independent broker to ensure our limited funding is used for projects most likely to lead to outcomes
- > To develop a way to measure outcome vs impact with HTSA
- > We have catalytic seed funding available for the development of collaborative projects
- > We can support the communication of translation project successes in SA
- > We have 8000 staff that would benefit from training on how to implement
- > We would like to be involved in helping to inform which projects need to progress from a consumer perspective
- > We would like to learn how to partner with Universities and research institutions to undertake research directly
- > As a peak body we can play a role in assisting the translation of research in our field into clinical practice
- > We would like to obtain support from HTSA
- > We can provide a conduit to the consumer voice and lived experience, and act as a research partner or provide insights that help project selection and development in our field.
- > We can provide models and tools to track and measure consumer engagement and Impact
- > With a focus on fundamental medical research and the translation of outcomes we would benefit from a bipartisan governance of this area (LHNs, universities, and NFP sectors) brokered by HTSA
 - o outreach to the community & government
 - o impact statements
 - o independent
- > We would like to fund projects together with HTSA
- > Many of our values, strategic objectives & priorities connect and lead in the same direction
- > We would like to collaborate with you and combine our efforts around promoting research translation and building research capacity
- > We could promote information and opportunities from HTSA through our own patient networks, and increase the engagement of our membership base with HTSA and its partners
- > We can provide startup funding for data-sharing platforms, pending approval by management and board and manage the commercialisation of IP created through the support of these data analysis systems

Topic areas of interest

Deepen & broaden the HTSA engagement with clinicians & consumers across planning & implementation of projects

- > Increase awareness of what is coming out of consumer/community participation
- > Strengthening the consumer role in a codesigned community of practice
- > Evidence/showcase how consumer input has delivered successful impact
- > Talk about the impact rather than the research outcomes as that's what gets people wanting to be involved
- > Develop a rich consumer resource that everyone can use and people in community can flag the interests they have
- > Create linkages and pathways into the diversity of consumer experience (and associated data) already contained within the not-for-profit sector

Develop a process to help identify and prioritise areas of clinical and consumer unmet need

“We often talk about top 3 diseases, but there are plenty other chronic diseases in a broader space that are significant to clinicians and the community.”

Improve systems initiatives with key focus on:

- > Reducing barriers to data access + analysis of data (including ensuring data quality)
- > Clinical Research Process – enabling clinicians to generate research which is relevant to practice – ethics/SSA more seamless process
- > Improve real time data access and synthesis of data platform to improve clinician's ability to provide health care and so patients know what's happening

Facilitate national and state level initiatives that pull together multiple interest groups to ensure projects address health in holistic way

“TAXI – report found that the system causes trauma. Not for Profit (NFP) sector is also part of that trauma causing because of its disconnect with the system as well.”

Recommendations

1. HTSA continues to promote its valuable role as an independent broker to all relevant stakeholders including Not for Profit Organisations (NFP's)
2. HTSA works with NFP's
 - > to develop a process for identifying areas of unmet need
 - > to supporting collaborative projects to address these that include NFP's and HTSA partners
 - > assess consumer and data 'assets' that NFP's have available to them and identify how best to work together to leverage these to maximise outcomes for patients through translation projects
3. HTSA works to develop processes for two-way communication regarding opportunities for research translation involvement and/or funding, as well as identifying and showcasing translation impact across SA.



Attendee List

Organisation	Representatives
ACH Group	Lauren Gentilcore
ANZ Data	Shyamsundar Muthuramalingam
Arthritis SA	Tiffany Gill
Asthma Foundation	Nigel Cooper
AusHealth	Ehud Hauben
Cancer Council SA	Lincoln Size
Central and Northern Adelaide Renal and Transplantation Service	Richard Le Leu
Community Representative	Lana Earle-Bandaralage, Leanne Galpin
Diabetes SA	Fiona Benton, Natalie Luscombe-Marsh, Angelique Pasalidis
Flinders University	Suzanne Atkins, Maria Alejandra de Plaza, Kelly Loffler; Yasmin van Kasteren, Joey Gerlach
Heart Foundation	Marie Ludlow, Frances Turland
LeMessurier Solutions	Hugo LeMessurier
ME/CFS South Australia	Penelope McMillan
Mental Health Coalition of SA	Geoff Harris
Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA	Sarah Crossing
Precision Medicine Holdings	Stephanie Fryar-Williams
SA Dental Service	Adrienne Lewis
SA Health	Sam DeGaris, Joey Gerlach, Duncan Lodge, Simon Windsor
Schneider Electric	Abe Fitzsimons
The Hospital Research Foundation	Camille Morliere
University of South Australia	Claudine Bonder, Susan Hillier
Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation	Jane Scotcher, Jodi Wright
Health Translation SA	Wendy Keech (CEO), Leanna Read (Board Chair), Susan Hillier (Board), Agustina Gancia, Nicole Sargent, Ecushla Linedale
HTSA Data Fellows	Owen Churches, Lan Kelly, Greer Humphrey