



CHoRUS Team News

- **Medical Students:** We have been fortunate to have the opportunity to work with six talented and enthusiastic UWS medical students during their community development project. During the last few months they have primarily facilitated access to and interviewed a number of Sydney based General Practitioners around the studies phase one aims.
- **Confirmation of candidature completed:** We are pleased to inform you that both Kim Psaila and Amiee Hesson successfully completed their confirmation of candidature.



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Dear Colleagues....

Welcome to our second newsletter outlining the progress made in the CHoRUS study to date. The first collaborative meeting of partners and investigators meeting was held on February 14th and we would like to thank those who were able to attend for their very helpful contributions.

Progress upto May 2011 ...

Phase One: Consultations with professional and consumer groups on the role of universal child and family health services in Australia. To date, we have established an e-conversation group with general practitioners who have a keen interest in child health, have held two consultations / discussion groups via teleconference with practice nurses, and one forum each with midwives and CFHN. We have also held a consumer group consultation in each of the five partner jurisdictions and in WA we took the opportunity to have a focus group with allied health staff and with representatives from NGOs.

Phase two: We have just finalised the CFHN survey. The first draft was piloted. Thank you to those who found willing people to do this, it was much appreciated and with their great suggestions, the survey has been trimmed considerably.

The survey will be launched at the

AAMCFHN on May 20th in both an online

and paper-based format. Overleaf you will find a link to the online survey. We will also send the link and electronic copy for partners to circulate in each jurisdiction. We have a networking lounge at the conference and hope that many of the 750 attendees may take some time to complete the survey.



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Progress up to May 2011 (continued)...

A first draft of the survey for **midwives** with a particular focus on the transition of care between maternity services and child and family health nursing services has been prepared. This will be circulated for comment around July and we plan to survey midwives attending the national conference in October.



As discussed at the partners meeting, we planned to collaborate with a small group of researchers in Queensland who have recently surveyed practice nurses. Unfortunately, we did not increase their sample size by promoting the survey at the practice nurse conference. Instead of resurveying practice nurses, we will draw on the work done by Walsh and Barnes.

Website: Finally we have our website up – it will require some more work over the next few weeks but the shell is there now so that we can launch the survey.

Web address Survey: https://survey.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8G3KWx4g4tBSouM

CHoRUS Web address: www.uws.edu.au/chorus

Presentations and Conferences

- * Hesson A. Consumer perceptions and participation in universal child and family health services: Is everyone singing from the same hymn sheet? Broadening Horizons Australian Association of Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses (AAMCFHN) Conference, Gold Coast 19th-21st May 2011
- * Schmied, V. Psaila, K. and the CHoRUS team Broadening our horizons to provide a national approach to universal child and family health service: Findings from phase one of the CHoRUS study. Presented at Broadening Horizons, the national conference of the Association of Maternal Child and Family health Nurses Gold Coast 19th -21st May (2011).
- * Psaila K, Schmied V. and the CHoRUS team. *The role of practice nurses in the provision of universal child and family health services in Australia*. Roadmap for the future: great expectations Australian Practice Nurse Association (APNA) Conference, Sydney 7-9 April 2011
- * Psaila K, Schmied V. and the CHoRUS team *Continuity, Collaboration and Change: Broadening Horizons in the provision of child and family health services* Broadening Horizons 4th Biennial National Conference, Australian Association of Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses (AAMCFHN), Gold Coast 19-21 May 2011
- * Hesson A, Schmied V. Consumer perceptions and participation in universal child and family health services: Working together to build a village. (Poster) NIFTeY-CCCH (National Investment for the Early Years & The Centre for Community Child Health) Conference, Sydney 28th-29th July 2011
- * Psaila K, Schmied V. 'Midwives Continuity, Collaboration and Change: Defining roles and boundaries for future practice.' 2011 Australian College of Midwives 17th National Conference: A Midwifery Odyssey, 18-21, 2011 October, Sydney Australia.
- * Psaila K. Universal Child and Family Health Services; Problems and Possibilities of Collaboration, Challenges, Change and Hope, Mothering Conference, University of Western Sydney, 22nd July, 2011.
- * Schmied V, Psaila, K and the CHoRUS team. Working towards an integrated universal child and family health service: Findings from phase one of the CHoRUS study.. NIFTeY-CCCH (National Investment for the Early Years & The Centre for Community Child Health) Conference, Sydney 28th-29th July 2011

Next Steps may to September 2011...

- Continue with phase one particularly trying to further engage GPs. We will hold a forum with the policy advisory committee at the AGPN in June and with great support from Rachel Yates (AGPN) we hope to engage with Divisions of General Practice, linking in with education forums;
- Facilitate consultation forums with key stakeholders who provide secondary and tertiary services for children and families as well as with representatives from early childhood education groups;



- To complete phase one, we will take the key findings to a forum with the executive of the Australian Association of Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses and Australian College of Midwives;
- Finalise midwives' & Consumers survey and circulate for comment;
- Plan for Second Partners & Investigators Meeting - November 2011