Queensland Overview

Stakeholders in North Queensland have had a long association with ABCD projects with some health centres having been involved since the ABCDE project in 2005. In 2010, Queensland Health made a significant investment in CQI and has adopted One21seventy as the main CQI component. This has provided access to One21seventy tools and processes for Government and Aboriginal Community Controlled health services. This investment has also increased the capacity to implement CQI processes in Aboriginal primary health care services through funding of CQI facilitators to work with primary health care services. These facilitators are supported by two CQI Coordinator positions in addition to a Statewide Coordinator. There are currently 89 Government and Aboriginal Community Controlled health services in Queensland using the ABCD/ One21Seventy clinical audit tools with 74 of these signed up to the ABCD National Research Partnership.

The ABCD National Research Partnership in Queensland is guided by the Queensland Steering Committee with representatives from James Cook University, University of Queensland, Queensland Health, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) and Menzies School of Health Research.

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The Queensland Steering committee is led by A/Prof Sarah Larkins as the Project Leader. Sarah is the Director of Research and Post Graduate Education at the School of Medicine and Dentistry (James Cook University) and has worked in general practice largely in community controlled health services. Her research interests revolve around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, particularly in the areas of maternal, child, family and reproductive health but also in working with communities to develop, implement and evaluate sustainable interventions and improve access to health services for Indigenous Australians, rural residents, adolescents and other under-served populations.

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