

CPHCE Bi-monthly Newsletter

March – April 2022



Highlights

Update from HERDU

- **Telehealth Literature Review with RPA Virtual Hospital** - HERDU was commissioned by the RPA Virtual Hospital to carry out a rapid literature review to consolidate and synthesise knowledge about equity issues in access and delivery of telehealth interventions. The review is completed and a paper has been submitted to journal for review.
- **Sydney Local Health District Equity Framework** - HERDU are commencing the review and update of the Sydney Local Health District Equity Framework. HERDU are currently working with members of the Clinical Services Integration and Population Health Directorate, as well as the Clinical Governance and Risk Unit to plan the review and update. HERDU are also supporting the Population Health Unit with updating the SLHD Health Literacy Framework.
- **COVID-19 response support to Sydney Local Health District** - HERDU continues to support Sydney Local Health District in an equity-focussed response to COVID-19, including identifying equity-related impacts in relation to vulnerable population groups and developing plans, activities, and special mapping to assist the District's COVID-19 response. HERDU developed a system to match positive COVID case notifications to social housing and boarding house properties within SLHD, to enable early intervention and response. This system generates daily reports to support the District's prompt response.
- **EquityFest 2021** - HERDU's EquityFest 2021 was successfully held online on Thursday 18 November, Thursday 25 November and Thursday 9 December. The theme of EquityFest 2021 was 'The future of health equity – Learning from a pandemic', where together in partnership with communities, consumers, government and non-government organisations; participants would collectively and aspirationally envision a more equitable future. A record-breaking 367 registrations were received. This included registrations to participate in all three sessions live, and to engage with the online platform and view the recordings post-event. The sessions provided an opportunity for the health District to build on its strengths and past successes in health service delivery, to identify new research agendas, and drive future program initiatives to sustain and progress equitable health and wellbeing for all. HERDU are now developing an EquityFest evaluation report in partnership with the EquityFest planning team and Advisory Committee. This will help inform future EquityFest planning and practice, as well as to support future actions to address health equity-related issues in Sydney Local Health District.
- **HERDU is recruiting** a Senior Research Associate/Fellow in Health Equity area, please scroll down for more information.

Projects

- **Primary and Integrated Care Unit (PaICU), South Western Sydney Local Health District** - Dr Andrew Knight, whose leadership was crucial during the transition from the former Fairfield Hospital GP Unit to the current Primary and Integrated Care Unit (PaICU), has happily passed the baton to Dr Michael Tam. Michael commenced as the Director of the PaICU on February 21, 2022. Andrew will continue as a Staff Specialist GP at the PaICU.
- **E-Health** - CPHCE is working with the iHealth-E hub in biomedical engineering on an exciting new project proposal which will bring together our work on e-shared care plans and mobile apps which support patient self-management of chronic conditions. For further information please contact [Snow Li](#).
- **Electronic cancer shared care plans** - For over 5 years we have been conducting research on the development and evaluation of electronic shared care plans for cancer survivors. This work began with patients with colorectal cancer and is now being extended to breast cancer as part of trial which is supported by a grant from the AVANT foundation. The research is being conducted in St George and Prince of Wales involving both the public and private hospitals.
- **The SHAReD (Shared Health Arrangements Research & Development) study** has been registered with ANZCTR and has commenced recruitment.

People

• Research Officer and Research Assistant positions – Mental health and primary health services research

The SHAReD (Shared Health Arrangements Research & Development) study has been registered with ANZCTR and has commenced recruitment. CPHCE is seeking to employ a small team for 4-6 months to contribute to a trial of electronic shared care between general practices and mental health services. The team will include:

- 2 half-time Research Officers, level 6 (additional hours could be negotiated)
- 2-4 casual Research Assistants (2-4 days a week as required)

This team will work with academics and investigators at the Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) to recruit and interview consumers from four of the SLHD adult mental health services; to recruit and interview the consumer participants' GPs and to support GPs in the use of the electronic shared care software. Please see attached position description of the Research Officer role in this email. Casual Research Assistants will work with the Research Officers in recruitment and data collection.

Application Process: Please submit a brief (max.1 page) summary outlining your skills and experience relevant to the attached criteria and CV to [Dr Catherine Spooner](#). The subject line of the email must include "Research Officer/Assistant SHAReD".

• Senior Research Associate/Fellow in Health Equity position - HERDU

HERDU is looking for a new team member. As the Health Equity Fellow (level B or C - 0.6FTE) you will be working with a small multidisciplinary team embedded in Sydney Local Health District to support and develop a strategic program of high-quality health equity focused research and capacity building. This is a unique boundary spanning role between research and practice providing the opportunity to shape and develop equity focused research that makes a difference. The role is based at RPA (Marsden Street) Campus and UNSW Randwick.

If you are interested in the role, we encourage applicants to contact HERDU Director [Fiona Haigh](#) to discuss the role. Applications close 15th May.

Publications

Promoting action on structural drivers of health inequity: principles for policy evaluation

By Patrick Harris & more

- [Country profile: Australia, New South Wales. From validation to implementation: Progressing tobacco smoking cessation among people with cancer and beyond via relevant authorities](#)
By Freddy Sitas & more
- [Learning from a codesign exercise aimed at developing a navigation intervention in the general practice setting](#)
By Sabuj K Mistry, Elizabeth Harris, Mark Harris
- [Achieving continuity of care in general practice: the impact of patient enrolment on health outcomes](#)
By Mark Harris, Joel Rhee

Communication & Education

- Evelyn de Leeuw published a piece in the MJA on the inequitable consequences of COVID '[Long COVID: sustained and multiplied disadvantage](#)' and also did an MJA podcast for this topic [MJA Podcasts 2022 Episode 8: Long COVID: sustained and multiplied disadvantage with Prof Evelyn de Leeuw](#)
- Kath Thorburn was recognised among [50 women activists and reformers in mental health in NSW](#) in a book called '[Hope, strength and determination - Celebrating 50 years of women activists and reformers in mental health in NSW 1970-2020](#)' launched by the NSW Mental Health Commission. This was also featured in an [article at Inside UNSW](#).
- Aryati Yashadhana and team were awarded \$30,000 from UNSW Ageing Futures Institute for the proposal titled 'Facilitating physical and non-physical connections to Country among older Aboriginal peoples living in urban Australia'. Which is related to the Gaawaadhi Gadudha work in reconnecting older Aboriginal people living in urban places to ancestral sites in the Far West of NSW.
- Peri O'Shea and Catherine Spooner also presented at the [Equally Well Symposium](#) at Gold Coast on 12 -13 April 2022. The paper was called: 'Improving access to quality shared care for people with severe mental illness'.
- Kath Thorburn and Shifra Waks also presented their paper '[Co-designing a Physical Health Conversation Guide: Working together for hope and health](#)' at the [Equally Well Symposium](#).

Events

- [Research Translation Webinar: Social Isolation and Loneliness amongst people aged 45 years and over in Central and Eastern Sydney](#)

Date: Wednesday 25 May 2022

Time: 10.00am-11.30am

Format: Virtual Webinar

Contact: [Katherine Meikle](#) 0421 133 127

RSVP: via Teams link

CPHCE in collaboration with Sydney Local Health District (SLHD), South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) and Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network (CESPHN) invite you to attend a one and a half hour research translation webinar.

Purpose of the webinar:

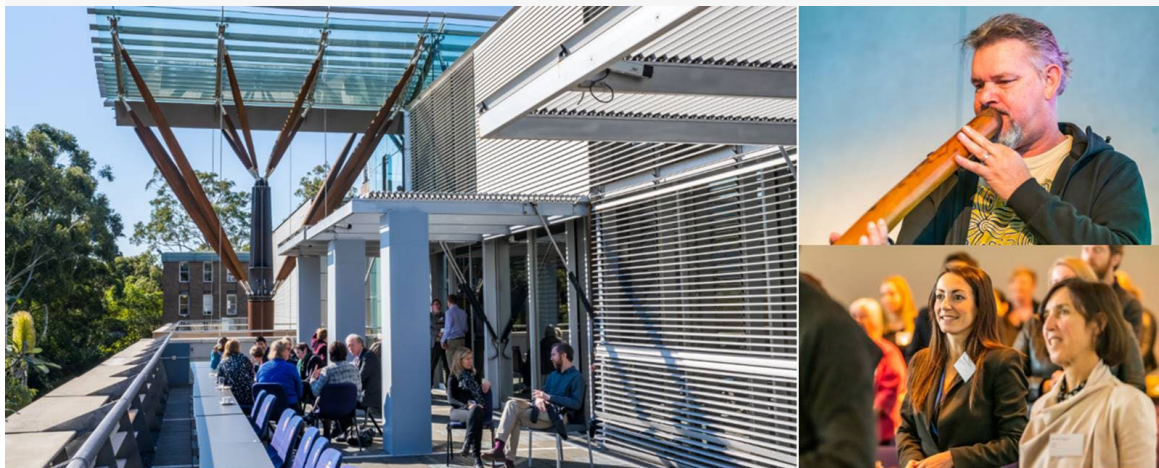
- Disseminate research findings from the Central and Eastern Sydney (CES) primary and community health research cohort.
- Explore ways to translate the research findings to improve policy and practice.
- Explore opportunities or activities to improve coordination of care and reduce isolation among people aged 45 years and over who are socially isolated.

- **CPHCE Staff Day** – This year's CPHCE Staff Development Day will held on 31st May at AGSM Building LG South Dining Room, UNSW. The program of the Staff Day is being organised by the CPHCE Hubs' working group, the working group has also sent out a survey seeking to find out the staff's interests in relation to the Staff Day.

Media Release & Blogs

- [Under-resourced and undermined: as floods hit south-west Sydney, our research shows councils aren't prepared](#), The Conversation
By Patrick Harris
- [Brace yourself Sydney for more transport chaos](#), The Sydney Morning Herald
By Chris Standen, with contribution from Patrick Harris

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