National TIS CEO Workshop

Adelaide 8 May 2019

Prof Tom Calma AO
National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking
Country  Culture  Language  Kids
Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program

Final Evaluation Report
Prepared for the Australian Government Department of Health
July 2018

Recommendations

Community engagement and partnerships

1. **Regional grant recipients**: Continue involving community members in the design, delivery and evaluation of local TIS programs and sustain use of partnerships to broaden reach, strengthen referral pathways, and support other program objectives including preventing uptake, promoting expansion of smoke free spaces, and changing social norms.

Localised health promotion

2. **Regional grant recipients**: Continue delivering targeted, multi-level, tobacco-focused health promotion.

3. **NBPU TIS**: Provide additional training and information on best practice, multi-level, tobacco-focused health promotion for targeted groups including pregnant women.

Overarching TIS program

17. **Department**: Continue the delivery of the TIS program.

18. **Department**: Commit to funding longer term (at least 4 years) and provide immediate advice about future funding to minimise funding uncertainty and associated staff turnover and underspend.
The revamped TIS program will:

- Continue the successful Regional Tobacco Control grants scheme including school and community education, smoke-free homes and workplaces and quit groups
- Expand programs targeting pregnant women and remote area smokers
- Enhance the Indigenous quitline service
- Support local Indigenous leaders and cultural programs to reduce smoking
- Continue evaluation to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of individual programs, including increased regional data collection

11 February 2018
For the TIS program going forward, there will be specific requirements for TIS organisations, namely all will be required to:

- prioritise evidence-based population health approaches with maximum reach within their identified TIS region;

- ensure that Indigenous people who do not attend Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) or Aboriginal Medical Services (AMS’) are targeted and reached; and

- provide evidence of how their primary health care funding (where provided by the Commonwealth) is being used to complement TIS activities as part of a larger mix of tobacco cessation interventions.
What is the Tackling Indigenous Smoking initiative?
Overview of TIS Program Responsibilities, Relationships and Processes

- Partnership working
- Policy and Program design
- Commonwealth Government Department of Health
- Community action, engagement and advocacy
- Continuous Improvement Cycle

NATIONAL EVALUATION PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR TIS
National Evaluators (Part A: CIRCA and Part B: TBC)

- Grant administration and compliance
- Performance reporting
- Relationship building
- State and Territory Departments of Health

TIS PROGRAM REGIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Designing, delivering, monitoring, evaluating and continually improving a range of population health promotion activities as defined by an agreed Action Plan
- Supporting TIS teams and workers to:
  - achieve their objectives
  - build and maintain their skills and knowledge and
  - attend key workshops and other events organised by NBPU-TIS

TIS TEAMS

- Leadership, strategic direction and advice to support the effectiveness of the Program
- Enabling access of TIS Teams to high-quality information, knowledge, advice and support for their work

NBPU-TIS

- National Evaluators (Part A: CIRCA and Part B: TBC)

NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR TIS (NCTIS)

- Partnership working
- Policy and Program design
- Commonwealth Government Department of Health
- Community Grants Hub

NATIONAL EVALUATION PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR TIS
National Evaluators (Part A: CIRCA and Part B: TBC)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Smoking

Source: ABS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2012-13

39% NATSISS 2014/15
Non Indigenous
Welcome new and old workers

Dec 2010
Issues raised by TIS Workers to discuss at the CEO Workshop

- **Increased TIS awareness**
  - CEOs and Managers need to be more awareness about the TIS Teams roles, requirements
  - CEO understanding of TIS expectations around branding/ co-branding/ stand-alone branding and using TIS resources within the AMS

- **Improved communication**
  - Timely communication please – often people on the ground experience delays in receiving communication/ updates due to delays through many levels within the organisations. E.g.: reporting templates, approvals etc.
  - Communicate information from CEO's meeting to TIS teams re: what was said etc. or NBPU to add in their newsletter
  - Ensuring continuity of staff by clear roles, funding requirements / limitations
CEOs / Grant Recipients to consider

• **Delivery Limitations**
  • Restricted *weekend work* impacts on service provided
  • Restrictions on *leaving office* – aren’t allowed *to attend events*
  • Capacity to *hold weekend events*
  • Insists the TIS Team to continue *one-on-one delivery sessions* instead of population health

• **Scope of delivery**
  • *Re-classification of remote* to recognise extremely remote locations
  • *Define region of delivery*
  • Title *TIS Educators* or *Officers*
  • Attend other *outlying communities* within shire *regardless of ACCHO borders*
Issues for CEOs

- **Funding/Budgets**
  - More *access* / knowledge of TIS Budget
  - TIS Team more *ownership* and control over budget not the AMS Business Manager
  - Funding being used for other programs ie people be paid salary from TIS $$s when they aren’t in the TIS Team
  - Advise budget to TIS workers on the ground. This will help TIS Workers to plan events

- **Resources**
  - Better phone – software
  - Humbugging for TIS Resources
  - Internal / *Social media access* / access to social marketing tools. E.g.: Facebook
  - *Re-classification of remote* to recognise extremely remote locations
Issues for CEOs / NBPU / DoH

• **Partnerships/collaboration**
  • State/Territory-based:
    • collaboration
    • partnerships
  • **TIS Collaboration** - resources/working together (like WA)
  • Integration of **TIS throughout all services** – ie sexual health, Mums and Bubs etc
  • **Co-ordinated approach** – State level i.e. state carnival, share finance
  • Can we have **more partnerships with other TIS teams in our State**?
  • **Work across regions** with similar challenges
Issues for CEO, DoH and NCTIS

- **Other**
  - More support for TIS Teams and **modelling the message** – walk the talk, **enforce policies** ie how can we **stop smoking in our own organisation** – in uniform, clock off for breaks etc.
  - Increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **employment**
  - **Population Health** approaches
  - **More opportunity to attend conferences** for broader learning and widening perspectives and networking
  - Drive **strategic strategy planning** - so momentum is developed and maintained
  - **Evaluation framework** asap in consultation with grant recipients
  - Lobbying CIRCA/ NBPU/ DoH for **feedback on TIS Programme performance/reporting/national directives**
  - Lack of report **feedback**
  - **Clarity** on / position of scope of delivery
About the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Resource and Information Centre

The Tackling Indigenous Smoking Resource and Information Centre (TISRIC) has been developed by the National Best Practice Unit for Tackling Indigenous Smoking (NBPU TIS) program, of best practice by organisations funded under the Australian Government Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) program.

From 2013 the emphasis for organisations delivering TIS activities (regional grant holders) is to:

- make sure their activities are based on evidence of effectiveness (there is information that the activity has worked well to reduce smoking in their region);
- measure the impact which they are having on smoking in their region (monitoring and evaluation).

The TISRIC supports TIS-funded organisations by bringing together information and evidence on what works for tackling smoking in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, providing a space where funded organisations can share their knowledge of what is working in their local community.

Information on the TISRIC is provided to help TIS-funded organisations choose:

- information on how to plan and implement TIS activities
- resources to support those activities
- information/tools for evaluating and monitoring TIS activities.

The TISRIC is managed and run by NBPU TIS, who will keep it updated with information and tools to help TIS-funded organisations to plan, monitor and evaluate their activities.

TIS-funded organisations are encouraged to share information about what is working to reduce tobacco use in their local area. If you have information that you think would be useful to others, please contact NBPU TIS.

Contact us
+61 8 8229 8500 (direct)
info@tacklingindigenoussmoking.com.au

View our Disclaimer and Privacy statement

Stay connected

Follow us on twitter
Like us on Facebook
Add us on LinkedIn