

## Notes from the WAMH-CoRP/Workforce Workgroup Meeting; Tuesday 12 May 2020

### PRESENT:

Bec Bennett (Ear Science Institute Australia), Travis Cruickshank (Edith Cowan University), Wendy Cumming-Potvin (Murdoch University), Joanne Dickson (Edith Cowan University), Veronica Gardiner (Murdoch University), David Lawrence (The University of Western Australia), Libby Lee-Hammond (Murdoch University), Judy MacCallum (Coordinator – Murdoch University), Peter McEvoy (Curtin University), Christopher Reid (Curtin University), Peter Wright (Murdoch University)

Update: linking into CIVIC looks possible, and there will be a meeting shortly to work out logistics. The CIVIC baseline questionnaire is largely comprised of health related questions; then additional questionnaire's every 2 weeks – the plan is listed in the google doc, including the list of occupations.

What questions do we want for what groups, and what groups should we target?  
Broadly the target groups suggested are: Health Professionals, Education & Training and Students.

If going through CIVIC, use the same major questions, plus some specific questions to form a cohort pathway i.e.: particular survey's to roll into CIVIC in later weeks, or a separate pathway off from CIVIC? Would need to identify occupation early on.

Peter M advised that the occupation data was collected in week 1, therefore it would technically be possible to identify those who selected health/medicine, education/training etc, and invite them into an additional study. Or at the end of CIVIC could ask people to re-identify their occupation and ask if they're willing to complete additional measures for that group. Would need to confirm with Chris and Jacquita.

Joanne remarked that the initial CIVIC is heavily health-oriented; would this alienate certain cohorts (particular teachers)? How many would go onto to complete? Some health questions would important, such as testing for COVID-19, existing underlying health issues, as this would change how people feel about their situation and how they respond, but tailored more towards the groups being surveyed.

Chris commented that CIVIC hasn't targeted specific groups at this stage, except around FIFO (linked in with testing). Fairly low numbers at week 1 stage - need to work out ways to target particular groups, or focus on a broad community approach. However, FIFO is working well, where brochures are being distributed to the workers being tested.

Need a specific, structured program for each targeted group within CIVIC; to identify the population group of interest.

Libby queried whether would need to apply for ethics separately, or covered by the CIVIC ethics? Chris replied it could go in as an amendment to existing CIVIC. Judy also mentioned that Ethics at Murdoch University would be willing to grant reciprocal approval, and this would probably be the same for the other University Ethics Committees.

Libby suggested forming subgroups, based on the workforce of interest, to work on the structure (schedule of measures), and identify overlaps between the groups. Travis is interested in both groups, and suggested Linda Coventry and Sara Hansen (both from ECU) could be involved as there are interested in running their own surveys. On the education side, mainly interested in the tertiary students.

Chris observed linking the invitation to participate in CIVIC with COVID-19 testing appears to be crucial to success. Could a link with the TKI DETECT program in schools be established? Libby responded that she has approached TKI a couple of times but has had no response, and Travis advised that they have been informed access to schools will basically require TKI involvement. However, in tertiary education is largely overlooked. Chris will be touching base Peter Gething later today and will discuss further.

Joanne suggested looking further afield, such as private/independent/catholic schools, not just state schools. Libby also mentioned early learning/childcare as possibilities. Good contacts within the group that could be leveraged.

**Actions/Next Steps:**

Judy will try to contact Donna Cross at TKI re: DETECT study  
Prioritise research questions  
Determine target groups

**Next Meeting:**

19<sup>th</sup> May @ 9.30am