We respectfully acknowledge the past, present and future traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting, the Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar nation.
1. Strengthen research, evaluation & health promotion skills of those promoting sexual health or preventing and managing STIs and BBVs

2. Promote & facilitate opportunities for collaboration between sexual health & BBV service providers, policymakers & researchers

3. Foster links with national sexual health & BBV research centres and contribute to appropriate national research agendas in order to raise the profile of SHBBV concerns affecting WA

THE EVOLUTION

2012-2014
SiREN pilot project established

2014-2015
Pilot extended for 18 months

2016-2020
SiREN awarded funding for 5 years
THE HOW & THE WHO

SiREN STRUCTURE

• Project team – 8 part time staff (3.8FTE)
• 1.3FTE base funding per annum; 2.5FTE additional grants
• PhD/ Masters students and student volunteers
• Tiered governance structure increases potential for research & evaluation, capacity building, knowledge dissemination, participation & cross-sector collaboration.

FUNDING

• Sexual Health & Blood Borne Virus Program (WA Health)
• Curtin University
• Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA) Scholarships, NGOs, Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Project, Commonwealth, Gilead Research

HOW WE OPERATE....

• In partnership!
PARTNERSHIPS/LINKAGES

peer based harm reduction wa

WAAC

YACWA.org.au

S+HQ

Hepatitis wa

Multicultural Services Centre

Government of Western Australia Department of Health

AHCWA

Burnet Institute

Ashm

Scarlet Alliance

CSRH

Centre for Social Research in Health

NAPWHA

National Association of People with HIV Australia

AFAO

Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations

Kirby Institute

Curtin University
THE WHAT

TRAINING & RESOURCES
- SHBBV Program Planning Toolkit
- Ethics Toolkit
- Partnerships guide
- Workforce development

TAILORED PROJECT SUPPORT
- Project planning
- Evaluation planning
- Project reference groups
- Research design

CAPACITY BUILDING
- Sector Needs Assessment
- CoPAHM (2015)
- PhD/Masters/Honours projects
- AHPA Scholarships

RESEARCH & EVALUATION PROJECTS
- Law and Sexworker Health Study (LASH 2.0)
- Service providers’ experience of WA PrEPIT
- Migrant SHBBV projects
- Peer education evaluation projects
- Aboriginal access and engagement in NSP

RESEARCH COLLABORATION
- HIV & Mobility: Road Map for Action (2014)
- Risk factors for gonorrhoea
- ARC Linkage Grant (2018)
- Research publications

KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION
- siren.org.au
- Evidence Updates
- SiREN E-news
- SiREN Symposium
- Case studies/videos
- Twitter

SIREN
SiREN: Sexually Transmitted Infections and Reproductive Health Research Network
Curtin University
CHALLENGES

- Capacity and resources
- Reach, especially regional
- Level of support we would like to provide
- Cost of specific and specialist knowledge translation activities

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- Bigger team leading key areas of research and evaluation including nationally
- More consistent and longer term agency support and mentoring
- More competitive grants, PhD and Masters student projects
- More publications
- More knowledge translation
- Shaping the research agenda
- Business planning to meet demands and extend reach
THANKYOU

• SiREN PROJECT TEAM
• MANAGEMENT TEAM
• STEERING GROUP
• INTEREST GROUP
• NETWORK MEMBERS
• RESEARCH COLLABORATORS
• FUNDERS
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