LOCAL PALLIATIVE CARE GRANTS PROGRAM - ROUND 1

Name of project: Training Indigenous Health Workers: providing skills to the care providers of Indigenous people with a life limiting illness.

Organisation: WA Country Health Services - Kimberley Health Region

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Duration of the Project: January 2006 – May 2007

Project Summary: To educate Aboriginal Health Workers and/or other Aboriginal key staff employed in the Kimberley Region about the palliative approach.

Activities:

- plan, develop and evaluate a training program and workshop to be held in the Kimberley in May 2006.
- support of the review/modification of the Learn Now Live Well – Train the Trainer package course material to ensure that it is culturally appropriate for Indigenous health service providers in the Kimberley region.
- deliver training of the modified Learn Now Live Well program.
- conduct an Indigenous Palliative Care Conference in the East Kimberley region.
- conduct a video conference session linking into sites across the Kimberley regarding 'Loss and Grief – The cultural perspective'.

Results:

- Aboriginal Health Worker conference held in May 2006. Training program delivered in workshop format to 38 participants.
- Learn Now Live Well program for Indigenous Health Workers completed in September 2006 with 12 participants.
- Indigenous Palliative Care Conference held in Kununurra on 10 May 2007 attended by 24 people.
- video conference conducted in Broome, Derby and Kununurra averaging 8 attendees at each site.

Resources produced

Modification of the Learn Now Live Well – Train the Trainer package course material for indigenous health workers.