The Training Program is relatively new and is still developing. Careful monitoring and evaluation of the Program by the people most closely involved in it will help with its ongoing development at team, Area Health Service and State-wide levels. Monitoring activities and evaluating outcomes enable teams to reflect on what works and what does not and allows for continuous improvements to be made that will benefit teams, the Trainees, mental health services and the consumers.

This chapter discusses the importance of monitoring and evaluation and describes the Program rationale and Program logic. The chapter outlines a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Training Program.
Developing a monitoring and evaluation framework

A monitoring and evaluation framework is designed to help Program staff and managers assemble a chain of evidence to guide learning and improvement and support the assessment of the Training Program against its intended outcomes. A matrix is included to provide an outline regarding what information to collect, who collects it, and how and when. Teams will be able to analyse some of the data for their immediate use. Some of the information will be sent to the State-wide Coordinator and Reference Group, to MHDAO and the Minister. All the information will be used by external evaluators to examine the Program further down the track.

The power of measuring results

- If you do not measure results, you cannot tell success from failure.
- If you cannot see success, you cannot reward it.
- If you cannot reward success, you are probably rewarding failure.
- If you cannot see success, you cannot learn from it.
- If you cannot recognize failure, you cannot correct it.
- If you can demonstrate results, you can win [continuing] support.¹

What are monitoring and evaluation?

The following definitions explain the two separate but integrated functions of monitoring and evaluation.

‘Program monitoring is the systematic documentation of aspects of program performance that are indicative of whether the program is functioning as intended or according to some appropriate standard. Monitoring generally involves program performance related to program process, program outcomes or both’.²

‘Evaluation is a process of looking closely at a program and determining its merit, worth and value’.³ Evaluation also ‘enables decision makers to make judgements about the program, improve program effectiveness, and/or inform decisions about future programming’.⁴
Why is it essential to monitor and evaluate the Training Program?

Monitoring and evaluating the Training Program are essential for a number of reasons, including:

- providing accountability to NSW Health and the Minister
- tracking Program implementation
- improving Program implementation
- showing whether the Program is meeting its objectives
- documenting good practice to provide a model for workforce development more broadly.

Providing accountability to NSW Health

The Training Program is a key strategic direction for the *Aboriginal Mental Health and Well Being Policy 2006–2010*. Funding has been allocated to each Area Health Service to cover Trainees’ salaries, establishment costs, university fees and other professional development costs. The funding allocation conditions require that:

The Department will monitor the Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce through the monthly financial reporting process; and Health Services must ensure the data are consistent between their Mental Health Program Policy Area and Finance Section, before submitting information to the Department.

The NSW Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program Reference Group will guide and monitor the implementation and further development of the Program…

As specified in [NSW Health] Project Summary, the non-financial targets set for the Program are:

**Employment of 2 [or 3] FTE Trainees**

**Supervision**

- A manager and preceptor are arranged for Trainee/s
- Cultural support is arranged for the Trainee/s
- Preceptors, managers and other team members are to record all of the time they spend in training and supporting the Trainee/s

**Workplace**

- Trainee/s have satisfactory workplace performance
- Trainee/s are to attend the annual NSW Aboriginal Mental Health Workers Forum.
- Trainee/s are receiving clinical experience relevant to their university study.
University

- Trainee/s are enrolled in a mental health related Bachelor [level] university degree.
- Trainee/s pass all university course requirements.
- Feedback mechanisms are established between the Trainee/s, AHS and the university.
- Learning & development time of one day per week during university semesters/terms is to be provided to the Trainee/s to complete university assessments.
- Learning & development time to attend compulsory university residential programs is to be provided to the Trainee/s.
- Trainee/s successfully complete all clinical competencies as set by the university.6

These non-financial targets will be reported to MHDAO through the NSW Health Milestone Tracking Report system on an annual basis.

Accountability through the Reference Group

The State-wide Reference Group comprises members representing each Area Health Service, NSW Health (MHDAO, Workforce Development and Leadership Branch, Centre for Aboriginal Health), the Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council, Mental Health Coordinating Council, New Horizons and Charles Sturt University. It is required to report to the Mental Health Program Council via the Aboriginal Mental Health and Well Being Reference Group (the Policy implementation group) on Training Program implementation and future directions (see Figure 2 in Chapter 1: Overview of the Training Program). The State-wide Coordinator has the specific responsibility for guiding the monitoring and evaluation of the Training Program. The State-wide Coordinator is required to report to the Reference Group and to the Minister through MHDAO on Program implementation.

The Reference Group meets regularly (currently monthly) and Area Health Service representatives provide progress reports on Training Program implementation and Trainees’ activities. Reports also cover emerging issues, achievements and challenges. Information collected and recorded at the individual team and Area Health Service level and provided to the Area Health Service representative and the State-wide Coordinator enables the Reference Group to meet its reporting obligations.

See ‘Standard reporting template for NSW Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program Reference Group’ in ‘Supporting documents’ at the end of this chapter.
Monitoring Program implementation

Monitoring at the local Area Health Service or mental health service level provides a record of the activities undertaken and processes implemented to recruit, train and support a Trainee. Keeping track of these activities serves several important purposes:

- it enables the team members to quantify how much time is spent providing on-the-job training, supervision and support for the Trainee
- it enables the State-wide Program to calculate the actual time cost of the Program
- it supports the team to reflect on its practices
- it can feed into the team’s and service’s ongoing quality improvement and planning activities.

Ongoing monitoring of Trainee performance by supervisors is important to keep up to date with the Trainee’s progress. Regular performance review is part of ongoing professional development and support for the Trainee. Regular review will ensure that any difficulties the Trainee may experience in relation to meeting workplace or university requirements are identified in sufficient time to enable strategies to be put in place to rectify them.

Ongoing monitoring of Training Program implementation across Area Health Services is also essential. Collecting data and information related to some of the non-financial targets will be necessary to ensure that the Program is being implemented as planned and that each Area Health Service will meet its targets at the end of each financial year. Some of the information collected will also be used to report to the Reference Group. Some will be used by MHDAO to respond to urgent Ministerial requests for updates in relation to the Program. A Training Program audit tool is currently under development.

Evaluating Program implementation

Evaluation can be conducted at all stages in the Program’s implementation to identify improvements that can be made to particular aspects of the Program. It can be undertaken at the team, Area Health Service and State-wide level. Evaluation for this purpose is known as process or formative evaluation. A formative evaluation of the first year of implementation of the Training Program was undertaken in 2008. Regular review can ensure that the Program is kept on track and that issues are identified and resolved in a timely manner.

See the glossary at the end of this chapter for definitions of different types of evaluation.

Evaluating Program outcomes

Outcome evaluation looks at whether the Program is meeting its aim and objectives. This level of evaluation is often undertaken by external evaluators working with people within the Program and involves looking at the Training Program as a whole. Outcome or summative evaluation draws on all of the monitoring data and evaluative data collected by teams and at the State-wide level. External evaluators usually also obtain additional data from key stakeholders, such as Area Health Service team members and Trainees, that includes their experiences with the Program.
In summary

Monitoring the implementation and evaluating the outcomes of the Training Program enables MHDAO, mental health services and teams to:

- identify areas for improving Program implementation
- identify what is working well (‘sound practices’) to share with others
- account for time spent on training and support activities
- report to the Area Health Service managers, MHDAO and the Minister about progress
- determine whether the Training Program is making a difference to how services are provided to Aboriginal consumers.

The Training Program is an innovative, systems approach that can serve as a model for other agencies. Documentation and dissemination of good practice will enable other agencies to benefit from the experiences of the Training Program.
Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Training Program Logic

This section outlines the thinking behind and the intentions of the Training Program. It includes the rationale for the Program and its aim and objectives. In developing a monitoring and evaluation framework, these are the starting points. They provide a clear picture of what the Program aims to achieve and provide a guide for determining the extent to which:

- the Program is being carried out according to plan
- the Program is achieving its objectives
- the Program has contributed to achieving its aim.

A program logic model in Figure 5 shows how the Program is intended to work by laying out the chain of intended outcomes that contribute to the ultimate vision or goal of the Program. The Training Program objectives have been translated into outcomes and the Program aim has been translated into the long-term outcome.

The flow diagram in Figure 6 represents the program logic model in a different way. It shows the journey the Training Program makes towards achieving its outcomes and contributing to the vision of improved Aboriginal mental health and wellbeing.

Rationale

The Training Program contributes to the vision stated in the *NSW Aboriginal Health and Well Being Policy 2006–2010* to improve the mental health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in NSW by enhancing access to and ensuring mental health services are culturally sensitive and responsive. The Training Program was established to build a highly skilled and professional Aboriginal mental health workforce to provide mental health services to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

By employing and training Aboriginal people who know the community and who are likely to stay in the community, the Training Program seeks to enhance cultural appropriateness and safety of mental health services and increase mental health service providers’ awareness of community, family and issues affecting the local Aboriginal community. It also intends to increase people’s capacity to prevent and/or respond early to their mental health needs through an increased understanding of mental health issues and services. It is assumed that service improvements will break down barriers and increase accessibility of the range of mental health services for Aboriginal people.
Aim and objectives

The aim of the Training Program is to ensure the provision of accessible, culturally appropriate mental health services to Aboriginal people.

The objectives of the Training Program are to:

- increase the number of qualified Aboriginal Mental Health Workers in the workforce
- increase the knowledge of mental health services staff about health beliefs and needs of Aboriginal people
- improve the responsiveness of mental health services to the needs of Aboriginal consumers
- improve the effectiveness of mental health services including promotion, prevention, early detection, intervention and treatment for Aboriginal people and communities
- increase the number of Aboriginal people accessing the range of mental health services.

Figure 5: Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Training Program logic model

| Vision / Goal | 'To improve the mental health and well being of the Aboriginal population of NSW by enhancing access to and ensuring mental health services are culturally sensitive and responsive' |
| Inputs | Funds for ongoing positions, and education and training  
Funds for Program coordination, governance and administration  
Area Mental Health Service management and support  
Mental Health Service team on-the-job training and support  
University teaching and support  
Policy and ministerial commitment and support  
Policies and guidelines |
| Output | Trained and fully qualified Aboriginal Mental Health Workers in all Area Health Services |
| Outcomes | Increased number of qualified Aboriginal Mental Health Workers in the workforce  
Increased knowledge of mental health services staff about health beliefs and needs of Aboriginal people  
Improved responsiveness of mental health services to the needs of Aboriginal consumers  
Improved effectiveness of mental health services including promotion, prevention, early detection, intervention and treatment for Aboriginal people and communities  
Increased numbers of Aboriginal people accessing the range of mental health services |
| Long-term outcome | Mental health services provide accessible, culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal people |
**Figure 6: Program logic flow diagram for Training Program**

*It is expected that Trainees will be able to make a contribution to mental health teams from the beginning of the Traineeship.*

- **Inputs**
  - Funds for positions and education and training
  - Funds for program coordination, governance and administration
  - Area Health Service management and support
  - Mental Health Service team on-the-job training and support
  - University teaching and support
  - Policy and ministerial commitment and support
  - Policies, guidelines, resources

- **Mental health staff understand program and benefits**

- **Staff are prepared and receive cultural awareness training**

- **Policies, guidelines and management support staff**

- **Motivated Trainees employed and enrolled in university degree course**

- **Trainees receive high-quality university education**

- **Trainees receive high-quality on-the-job training and support**

- **Trainees develop as competent, confident and independent mental health professionals**

- **Trainees become contributing qualified members of mental health teams**

- **Mental health workers work with communities to increase mental health literacy and knowledge about mental health services**

- **Community members are more willing to access the range of mental health services**

- **Aboriginal people are accessing and staying engaged with the range of mental health services**

- **Improved mental health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in NSW**

**Improving Aboriginal mental health and wellbeing also requires:**
- Improved educational opportunities
- Better housing
- Secure income
- Safe environment
- Strong family
- Good physical health
- Sense of belonging
- Sense of control
- Sense of worth.
Assumptions underpinning the Program Logic

The program logic model of the Training Program is premised on a number of assumptions:

- mental health services and teams are aware that they need to do things differently to increase Aboriginal people’s access to services and reduce disparities between access for non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people
- mental health services and teams recognise the importance of employing skilled Aboriginal staff
- mental health services and teams are willing and able to train and support a Trainee
- time and resources are available to enable mental health services and teams to develop Trainees
- policies and guidelines will enable Program implementation
- partnerships will be formed that strengthen the work of this Program and contribute to policies, programs, resources and supports that impact positively on Aboriginal mental health and wellbeing.
- employing local Aboriginal people will build community capacity
- if Aboriginal people have a positive experience with the mental health service (both as workers or consumers), they will be more likely to stay engaged with the service.

Monitoring and evaluation plan

The monitoring and evaluation matrix (Table 4) indicates what monitoring and evaluation information should be collected and how. The data and information to be collected relate to the Program logic model and the reporting requirements of NSW Health. Reporting against the inputs, outputs and outcomes shown in the Program logic model will clearly show whether the Program is being implemented according to its plan and what it has achieved. Program staff collect and document information about the inputs, outputs and short- and medium-term outcomes. This information will feed into the overall evaluation of the Program. External evaluators may collect additional data and information through such methods as surveys and interviews with staff and consumers at the time of the evaluation.

This monitoring and evaluation plan will continue to develop and be refined to meet Program needs.

Where further detail is required about what monitoring data to collect and why, the activity is marked with a note identifier and the detail provided in explanatory notes after the matrix.
### Table 4: Monitoring and evaluation matrix

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### Chapter 7: Monitoring and Evaluation

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Explanatory notes for Table 4

* Documenting training and support activities and time spent: supervisors, preceptors and team members are required to keep track of all time spent training and supporting Trainees. Recording time is important:

- to account for each staff member’s time
- to document the actual time required to support a Trainee in the workplace so workload allocation can be planned
- to enable the State-wide Program to calculate the actual time cost of the Program.

Document time spent on training, planning, discussing, reviewing and explaining cases with the Trainee, debriefing, meetings, networking and so forth. Places to document activities and time spent include:

- diaries
- quarterly/monthly planner
- monthly report
- minutes of meetings
- SCI MH-OAT.

5 Reporting training and support activities and time spent in SCI MH-OAT: see the explanation of codes to use and an example of how to enter data about training and supervision activities in SCI MH-OAT in “Recording training and supervision activities in SCI MH-OAT” in “Supporting documents” at the end of this chapter.

† Trainee performance: ongoing monitoring of Trainee performance by supervisors is important to keep up to date with the Trainee’s progress. Regular performance review is part of ongoing professional development and support for the Trainee. Regular review will ensure that any difficulties the Trainee may experience in relation to meeting workplace or university requirements are identified in good time to enable strategies to be put in place to rectify them. A portfolio should be established for each Trainee to document his/her performance and to provide a record of progress and achievements.

Performance information can be found in a range of documents including:

- performance reviews and learning and development plans
- supervision reports
- academic transcripts
- Trainee’s portfolio
- skills audit and evidence documentation
- work plans and quarterly activity reports
- clinical placement documentation and results
- Trainee achievement record
- copies of presentations given by Trainees
- newspaper, newsletters and/or conference reports.
See the relevant examples and templates in Chapter 3: Workplace Training and Support, and the ‘Placement review’ templates in Chapter 5: Clinical Placement and Support.

See ‘Supporting documents’ at the end of this chapter for the standard reporting template for the ‘NSW Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program Reference Group: Trainee achievement record’.

Number of Aboriginal people accessing the service: in order to identify if the Training Program is meeting its objective to increase the number of Aboriginal people accessing mental health services, it is critical that each clinician record Aboriginality.

Glossary

**Formative evaluation:** ‘Evaluative activities undertaken to furnish information that will guide program improvement’. 9

**Indicator:** ‘Quantitative or qualitative factor or variable that provides a simple and reliable means to measure achievement, to reflect the changes connected to an intervention, or to help assess the performance of an actor’. 10

**Inputs:** ‘The financial, human, and material resources used for the intervention’. 11

**Outcome:** ‘The state of the target population or the social conditions that a program is expected to have changed’, 12 ‘The likely or achieved short-term and medium-term effects of an intervention’s inputs’. 13

**Outcome monitoring:** ‘The continual measurement and reporting of indicators of the status of the social conditions a program is accountable for improving’. 14

**Process evaluation:** ‘A form of evaluation designed to determine whether the program is delivered as intended to the target recipients. Also known as implementation assessment’. 15

**Program logic model:** ‘A program logic model is a picture of how your program works—the theory and assumptions underlying the program. A program logic model links outcomes (both short- and long-term) with program activities/processes and the theoretical assumptions/principles of the program. This model provides a roadmap of your program, highlighting how it is expected to work, what activities need to come before others, and how desired outcomes are achieved’. 16

**Program theory:** ‘The set of assumptions about the manner in which a program relates to the social benefits it is expected to produce and the strategy and tactics the program has adopted to achieve its goals and objectives’. 17

**Program goal (or aim):** ‘The higher-order objective toward which an intervention is intended to contribute’, 18 ‘A statement, usually general and abstract, of a desired state toward which a program is directed’. 19

**Summative (or outcome) evaluation:** ‘Evaluation activities undertaken to render a summary judgement on certain critical aspects of the program’s performance, for instance, to determine if specific goals and objectives were met’. 20
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6 ibid., pages 5-6.


11 ibid., page 226.


15 ibid., page 431.


20 ibid., page 435.