## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

## Element 3: Increase access to and use of maternal and child health services by Indigenous families (*New Directions – an equal start in life for Indigenous children*)

Plan period: 2009-2014

The New Directions Mothers and Babies Services						
Milestone	What are we trying to do? (Aim)	Who will do it? (Roles and responsibilities)	How are we going to do it? (Strategies)	How will we know how we are going? (Measures)	What is the estimated cost? (\$)	
Service Delivery 2009-10	Increase access to child and maternal health services in priority regions across Australia.	OATSIH will select and approve sites, provide funding to service providers, manage funding agreements, consult with stakeholders to review existing investment and identify priority regions for new sites.	Select, approve and fund Wave 3 sites.  Provide funding for additional Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships.  Manage funding agreements with Waves 1 & 2 sites.	Suitable Wave 3 proposals are received from eligible primary health care providers.  New services are funded in priority regions.  Waves 1 & 2 sites are operational.	\$19,308,000 (new and existing services) \$344,000 (Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships)	

Service Delivery 2010-2011	Establish Wave 3 sites.  Select and fund Wave 4 sites.  Provide funding for additional Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships.	Wave 3 sites are operational.  Suitable Wave 4 proposals are received from eligible primary health care providers.  New services are funded in priority regions.	\$25,881,000 (new and existing services) \$526,000 (Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships)
	Manage funding agreements for Waves 1- 3 sites.	Waves 1-3 sites are operational.	
	Plan and scope Departmental program review.	Views of relevant stakeholders are included in plan.	
	Consult with stakeholders to review Waves 1-4 investment and	Outcomes of consultation are documented.	
	identify priority regions for Wave 5.	Minister approves priority regions for Wave 5.	
Service Delivery 2011-2012	Select and fund Wave 5 sites.	Suitable Wave 5 proposals are received from eligible primary	\$31,239,000 (new and existing services)
	Provide funding for additional Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships.	health providers and new services are funded in priority regions.	\$537,000 (Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships)

			Establish Wave 4 sites.	Wave 4 sites are operational.	
			Manage funding agreements for Waves 1-4 sites.	Waves 1-4 sites are operational.	
			Complete Departmental program review	Results of review are incorporated into ongoing program.	
Management	Manage New Directions Mothers and Babies Services program and funding.	OATSIH	2009-10 Plan, develop and implement Wave 3 funding round.	2009-10 Wave 3 funding is fully committed.	2009-10 \$688,000
	and runding.		Manage funding agreements for existing sites.	Waves 1 & 2 sites are operational.	
			2010-11 Plan, develop and implement Wave 4 funding round.	2010-11 Wave 4 funding is fully committed.	2010-11 \$645,000
			Manage funding agreements for existing sites.	Waves 1-3 sites are operational.	
			2011-12 Plan and manage a Departmental program review.	2011-12 Program review is completed and results incorporated into ongoing program.	2011-12 \$480,000

Linkages and Coordination	Minimise duplication and overlap between the IECD NP Agreements and initiatives and maximise Commonwealth's investment.	OATSIH and Aboriginal Health Partnership Forums in each jurisdiction	Plan, develop and implement Wave 5 funding round.  Manage funding agreements existing sites.  ongoing  Maintain links and share information with DEEWR, FACHSIA, State and Territory Governments.  Work with S/T Governments and ACC health sector to review existing investments and coordinate planning of priority regions.	Wave 5 funding is fully committed.  Waves 1-4 sites are operational.  ongoing Outcomes of consultations with Aboriginal Health Partnership Forums are documented.  Information on Commonwealth investment is shared with key stakeholders through Aboriginal Health Partnership Forums in each jurisdiction.	ongoing
				jurisdiction. Services target areas of high need in priority regions that complement S&T Government and ACCH sector funding.	
Community Involvement	Commonwealth investment and priority regions for the New Directions Mothers and	OATSIH and Aboriginal Health Partnership Forums in each jurisdiction	ongoing Consultations will occur each year, when new planning data becomes	ongoing Information on program shared with ACCH sector through Aboriginal	ongoing

	Babies Services take account of the needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in each jurisdiction.		available.  The Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector will review existing Commonwealth investment and contribute to the identification of priority regions for new funding.	Health Partnership Forums.  Services target areas of high need in priority regions.	
Risk Management	Risks associated with the implementation of New Directions Mothers and Babies Services program are identified and managed.	OATSIH	ongoing Risk management plans are reviewed each year and updated as required.  Risk management plans will be completed for each stage of the funding process (including stakeholder issues, linkages and coordination) and for individual services.	ongoing Issues are dealt with as they arise, according to risk management plan.	ongoing

## NOTE

Funding from 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2012 of \$90.3 million is provided for Element 3 COPE under New Directions Mothers and Babies Services (a component of the New Directions: An Equal Start in Life for Indigenous Children – Closing the Gap Budget Measure).