Anomie and working within a community based cultural healing model

Acknowledgement of country

Introducing Staff

Where they work

Kim-Walgett (Kamilaroi woman ’)

Jacqueline (Wiradjuri Woman)
Anomie

- Mainstream definition
  Social instability resulting from a breakdown of standards and values

- Our definition
  Each of these communities has been affected by Anomie over a long period of time and suffer from loss of country, identity, belonging and a sense of hopelessness for the future
Western PHN project brief
Walgett

- Walgett shire covers an area of 22,000 square kilometres
- Lack of services
- 80% of our target group have little contact with these services
- The majority of services that come to Walgett aren’t governed by local decision making that involves community consultation
Walgett-Piss Pot Point
Parkes

- Parkes shire covers an area of 5919 square kilometres
- Limited culturally appropriate services
- Our target group have limited and sometimes negative contact with these services
- The majority of services that come to Parkes aren’t governed by local decision making that involves community consultation
Parkes

- Partnerships
- prevention
- culturally inclusive
- whole family rather than individuals
Bourke

- Bourke shire covers an area of 43000 square kilometres
- Big investment in the local community
- Bourke has a strong aboriginal community
Bourke

- Big investment in the local community from Justice re-investment
- Embedded within local structures
What we do that is different

- Work from the ground up
- Consult widely including with stakeholders (our mob)
- Spent a lot of time laying the groundwork in sourcing the right staff
- Went to the communities and consulted regarding potential staff
- Even if they weren’t qualified but had the potential to
- Be trained up or
- Find ways to meet the kips within their current skill set eg diary versus data recording
Reference List


