

NOTES from CMHDARN Research Forum April 15 2014

FUNDAMENTALS OF RESEARCH

Session 1: Annette Michaux

- Creating knowledge- can be known as 'discovery research'
- There can be difficulty sometimes working out what practice message actually is coming from research findings
- Gap in implementing research findings widely recognised now as being around 17 years

Session 2: Stephanie Maraz

- Publishing in journals- gives you broader audience and academic stance
- Recommendations- a lot of work needed around language use... a human approach to the issue is really needed

Why the difficulty in evaluating program effectiveness?

- Programs aren't necessarily set up systematically, even within 1 organisation;
- Workers don't always have the skills/ time and knowledge needed

Commonalities.. literature vs study

- dedicated funding
- cultural issues within organisations are more complex

Session 3: Dr Angela Dawson

- important to finely tune our research questions
- Contrast between qualitative and quantitative- there is a continuum and it often reflects different philosophical underpinnings

World views/ research paradigms

- REF: John W. Creswell 2007- very good on research methods (e.g. Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches (2013, 4th edition)

Session 4: Bradley Foxlewin

- Important to support consumer researchers- lonely role- need mentoring
- Must bring consumer experience to the centre of research- this is central to unpicking power imbalance
- Complexity theory important
- Experience of both consumers AND carers important
- Random controlled trials- consumers are over this approach.
- Stepped wedge methodologies- difficulties when hierarchical approaches