Falls Injury Prevention Collaborative (FIPC)
Key Priorities for 2010 – 2011

At the FIPC Planning Day Tuesday 27 April, 2010 the following priorities were identified:

- Steering Committee members to review the Terms of Reference and provide feedback to the team via email.
- Steering Committee membership to include Older People’s Health and Extended Care Unit and Community Health representatives.
- Current recommendation is to remain a collaborative and seek Clinical Senate inclusion.
- Engage Consumers – Expression of Interest to Consumer Council
- Invite Healthy Active Ageing Working Group to include falls prevention, health service plan on their agenda and consider providing advise as required to FIPC

Working Group Key priorities for 2010 – 2011

1) Research Working Group
Chair: Sandy Brauer and Co-chair: Satyan Char
New work for 2010 – 2011
Facilitating translational research that reduces falls and falls injury in Queensland

- **Key Priority 1** – To provide advice and where appropriate, assistance, in the evaluation of major initiatives undertaken by the FIPC, under the Health Service Plan, such as the Falls Tool Trial.
- **Key Priority 2** - To identify gaps and opportunities for research related to falls prevention and management across the continuum in Queensland.
- To pursue potential opportunities for the above research, through avenues such as applications for funding, or dialogue with appropriate bodies.
- To conduct, analyse and disseminate research findings related to falls.
- **Key Priority 3** – To provide advice, support and where appropriate, assistance, to other Working Groups to plan, conduct, analyse and disseminate research related to falls.
- **Key Priority 4** – As per previous data working party KPs

Priorities for 2010 – 2011
Ongoing key and additional priorities
- 2007-08 Statewide falls data report
- Patient Safety Centre Statewide Bedside Audit
Suggested new work for 2010 - 2011
- Commence work on the 2009-10 Statewide falls data report
- Explore research into estimates for cost of hospital-acquired falls
- Research Root Cause Analysis Data – Falls
(Research Working Group continued)

- **Key Priority 5** — Falls Specialist Officer and Falls Clinics Evaluation Reports and associated journal publications
- **Key Priority 6** — As per environmental working party KPs

The EWG is to be merged under the newly formed FIPC Research Working Group to consolidate current research projects under one group and to achieve greater efficiency in advancing FIPC research priorities.

No new environmental falls research projects are currently being forecast for the 2010-2011 planning year. Complete current projects

**Additional points**

Dissemination of information about research – this is a function of either the Education Working Party or just the FIPC weekly alert, happy for the Research Working Party to NOT have this function.

2) **Education and Resources Working Group**
Chair: Christine Fawcett

**Key Priorities for 2010 – 2011**

- Continued support of the Health Service Planning Process
- Med-e-Serv update with new guidelines
- Support of Healthy Aging Reference group until the Ageing with Vitality resources are completed, disseminated and evaluated
- Falls forum – will depend on funding
- Possible inpatient education materials

3) **Falls and Nutrition Working Group**
Chair: Kate Smith

**Ongoing key and additional priorities for 2010 – 2011**

- As per ongoing (key and additional priorities) from 2009 – 2010
- Prevalence audit of under nutrition and malnourishment in community dwelling older people who receive ambulatory care from Queensland Health.
- Advocacy for malnutrition to remain included in the National Ongoing Needs Assessment tool.

**Suggested new work for 2010 - 2011**

- The Falls & Nutrition Working Group to be integrated with Pressure Ulcer Prevention Program, Malnutrition Program, Medications and the Community.
- The new working group will be supported by the Program Managers of Falls, PUPP and Malnutrition;
- The key priorities on each agenda will be Falls, PUPP, malnutrition, medications, community
- Clear governance processes will be developed to ensure that the collaborative and the clinical networks work with this working group and information communicated.
- Membership is to be reviewed
- May have smaller topic specific groups develop from this working group
- Concept brief developed, progressing identifying funds, the methodology and links with the planned Malnutrition project by the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Service.

4) **Health Service Plan Working Group**
Chair: Heidi Atkins/Kate Smith
(Previously known as Service Delivery Model Advisory Group made up of Cross Continuum and Education and Resources Working Group)

**New work for 2010 - 2011**

- Support the Health Service Planning process and the outcomes from the Integrated Policy and Planning Executive Committee.