The inaugural meeting of the Chief Investigators, Mentors and Researchers was held on October 21, 2009 at the Mabo Room at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in Canberra. The meeting was chaired by Mick Dodson, Professor of Law at ANU, Chair of AIATSIS, Australian of the Year for 2009 and a CI on the grant. The principal CI is Associate Professor Tony Butler, of the National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University of Technology.

It was decided to shorten the name of this program of research to the Indigenous Offender Health Research, and to refer to the team as the IOHR – Capacity Building Group.