

# Update on Palliative Care Initiatives/Projects for Palliative Care Consortia and Integrated Cancer Services

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Palliative Care Supplementary Information Tool (SCTT)	<p>An Information Forum on the development and implementation of this tool was held 26 March 2009 with broad representation from the palliative care sector and other health providers. The PowerPoint presentations and Question and Answer sheet are available for distribution.</p> <p>Please contact Jo Hall on 9096 2138 or <a href="mailto:Jo.Hall@dhs.vic.gov.au">Jo.Hall@dhs.vic.gov.au</a></p>
Victorian Rural Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner Program	<p>Invitations to apply for this program were forwarded to palliative care funded services in rural regions to implement Nurse Practitioner (NP) models in palliative care as part of the implementation of Victoria's Cancer Action Plan. One application per rural palliative care consortia is welcomed. The <i>Invitation to Apply</i> document provides the policy and funding framework for this initiative, selection criteria for funding of health services and relevant submission templates.</p> <p>Public sector Directors of Nursing, Palliative Care Consortia Chairs and Consortia Managers in the five rural regions have been advised of this project. It is a requirement that the auspicing health service CEO and Regional Palliative Care Consortium sign off on this submission prior to forwarding to DHS.</p> <p>Key dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palliative Care Information Session: 3.30 – 4.30pm, Wednesday 22 April 2009</li> <li>• Submissions for funding to DHS: COB Monday 11 May 2009</li> <li>• DHS notification to successful health services no later than: Friday 29 May 2009</li> <li>• Industry Briefing for successful sites: Tuesday 9 June 2009</li> </ul> <p>For further enquiries please contact Jackie Kearney on (03) 9096 2143 <a href="mailto:Jackie.Kearney@dhs.vic.gov.au">Jackie.Kearney@dhs.vic.gov.au</a> or Jo Hall on (03) 9096 2138 <a href="mailto:Jo.Hall@dhs.vic.gov.au">Jo.Hall@dhs.vic.gov.au</a></p>

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	<p>Information is also available on Victoria's Palliative Care Program website at <a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/nurseprac.htm">http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/nurseprac.htm</a></p> <p>Metropolitan NP models are being offered concurrently as part of the Victorian Nurse Practitioner Project (VNPP). Applications for these projects close 1 May 2009. The guidelines and application form are available at: <a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/practitioner">http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/practitioner</a></p>
Aboriginal Palliative Care project	<p>Regional Aboriginal palliative care forums have been held in Lake Tyers, Healesville and Preston – the feedback from participants has been very positive and relationships between palliative care services and Aboriginal services/communities are being strengthened. Forums will be planned for other regions over the upcoming months.</p> <p>PEPA palliative approach workshops for Aboriginal Health Workers will be held in Ballarat, Horsham, Melbourne, Bendigo and Lake Tyers during May/June 2009. For further information please contact Ellen Sheridan (ph: 9096 5296) or Cherie Waight (VAPCP project officer ph: 9419 3350)</p>
PEPA	<p>Vacancies are still available for the PEPA workshops in Wangaratta (28/5) and Sale (25/6), however all other workshops are fully booked. PEPA placements, particularly for GPs and aged care nurses, are currently available. See: <a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/PEPA">www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/PEPA</a></p>
Service Delivery Framework and Funding Model Review (SDF & FMR) Project	<p>An invitation to the Service Delivery Framework Sector Consultation workshop has been distributed to all palliative care services and key stakeholders. The workshop will be held 10.00am to 3.00pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at DHS, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. The workshop will aim to clarify and gain as much consensus as possible around the elements of the draft service delivery framework, and sector support for those elements.</p> <p>Consultation workshops are currently being organised in early June with each of the Regional Palliative Care Consortia.</p> <p>For further information please contact Jo Hall on 9096 2138 or <a href="mailto:Jo.Hall@dhs.vic.gov.au">Jo.Hall@dhs.vic.gov.au</a></p>
Turning Policy into Practice seminar	<p>Planning is currently underway to host the re-scheduled Turning Policy into Practice Seminar during National Palliative Care Week. A draft program for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May includes presentations from the six TPIP projects dovetailed with a workshop on end of life pathways. Further information and invitations will be forwarded this week.</p>
Strengthening Palliative Care Policy (SPCP) Evaluation and Refresh	<p>Phase 2 of the evaluation is now underway. As part of Phase 2, key informants will be invited to take part in an interview about the implementation of the SPCP. The key informant list includes current and former consortia chairs, consortia managers, statewide and academic services, Palliative Care Victoria, current and former DHS palliative care staff and regional contacts, PEPA participants, key professional groups, Disability services, senior</p>

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	<p>clinicians, representatives from the Commonwealth palliative care program ,Palliative Care Australia, relevant DHS areas and other relevant organisations. <b>If you are interested in taking part in an interview about how the policy has been implemented in the last 5 years and key areas to be addressed in the refresh of the policy, please contact Amanda.</b></p> <p>In May-June 2009 a survey will be sent to all palliative care services to ascertain changes that have occurred at a service level as a result of the policy.</p> <p>A statewide workshop will be held in July 2009 to provide preliminary results of the evaluation and seek the palliative care sector's feedback about key priorities for the refresh of the SPCP. More details about this workshop will be provided in the next monthly update.</p>
<p>Notification of international presentation related to palliative care</p>	<p>Prof Ingvar Bosaeus, from the Section of Clinical Nutrition at Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Sweden. Prof Bosaeus will be speaking on the topic:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Clinical Nutrition and Body Composition in Cancer Cachexia: Implications for Clinical Oncology and Palliative Care.</i></p> <p>This talk will be presented at the Southern Health Research Week keynote presentation at Monash Medical Centre on Monday 4th May 2009 at 12: 30pm-1: 30pm.</p> <p>For more information go to: <a href="http://www.southernhealth.org.au/research/Default.htm">http://www.southernhealth.org.au/research/Default.htm</a></p>
<p>Monthly updates on the palliative care website</p>	<p>Back issues of the monthly update will be posted on the palliative care website. Previous month's updates will be put on the web at the time the current update is released to consortia.</p> <p>See: <a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare">http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare</a></p>

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