

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

Date: August 2008

Name of Initiative/Project	Progress
PCV 6 th Biennial State Conference 23-24 October 2008	The 6th Biennial State Conference "Palliative Care – beyond the boundaries" will be held in Melbourne on 23-24 October 2008. Visit www.pallcarevic.asn.au for more information.
PEPA	Applications are being accepted for supervised clinical placements. Also a series of one-day workshops on the palliative approach specifically for aged care staff will be offered in October/November at the following sites: Preston, Bendigo, Benalla, Warrnambool, Dandenong, Morwell, Ararat and Box Hill. Further information, including workshop flyer and registration form, available at: www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/PEPA
Service Delivery Framework and Funding Model Review Project	The administrative process of selecting and appointing the organisation recommended by the selection panel is ongoing. As soon as this process is complete the palliative care sector will be notified.
Community performance measure and target setting project	<p>Two workshops have been organised to discuss this important project. All community palliative care services have been informed of the workshops and have been provided with a discussion paper giving background information to the first workshop.</p> <p>The first workshop will on Friday 29 August 2008, 10am to 5pm, Room 1.03, Level 1 at 50 Lonsdale street.</p> <p>If services would like to register to attend or if anyone has questions regarding the background discussion paper, please contact Gregory Dalton</p>
VINAH	<p>All reports for the previous financial year were forwarded to DHS regional contacts. The data collection for 2008-09 has begun smoothly with many services already submitted their data.</p> <p>A reminder that a clean version of the data should be submitted to the department before end of business on the 17 of the month. Reports will be distributed by the 24th of the month.</p> <p>The reports will gradually change over the next few months as more and more of the changes recommended in the workshops are incorporated.</p>

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Motor Neurone Disease and palliative care pathway project	<p>Motor Neurone Disease Association Victoria have been working with consortia to promote the program and provide information about the funding that is available.</p> <p>Application forms for the community and inpatient top up funding will be available very shortly for services. The process to set up MND shared care workers in each region is continuing, with the aim of having the workers in place for 1 January 2009.</p>
Monthly updates on the palliative care website	<p>Back issues of the monthly update will be posted on the palliative care website. We will put the previous month's update on the web at the time the current update is released to consortia.</p> <p>The web address for the palliative care home page is: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare</p>

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