

Monthly feedback to consortia – July

Victorian Palliative Care Implementation Advisory Group (VPCIAG)	Please note attachment. Consortia will be asked to participate in the statewide priority projects for 2006/07 via working groups and consultation processes.
Workforce Supply and Demand	<p>Director, Programs Branch is anticipated to sign off on the final report of the study. The final report will be put on the DHS website. Comments will be invited from the field regarding the study content to accompany the study findings. The palliative care unit will also prepare a response to the report.</p> <p>The study will be presented to the PCV conference in July.</p> <p>As yet the proposal to Workforce and Service Development Branch that an employee survey is undertaken during the next year has been approved. We remain optimistic that this work will be done.</p> <p>A pivot table of all data collected from the study has been posted on the DHS website at http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/ If you have any problems with the pivot table, please contact Gregory Dalton on 9096 1459 for clarification.</p>
After Hours Provision of Palliative Care	<p>Refer to 2006-07 budget item and attached workplan.</p> <p>The Implementation Advisory Group has formed an After Hours Palliative Care working group. If you are interested in being part of this group please contact Amanda Bolleter on 9096 2115.</p>
Palliative care data	<p>In conjunction with Dr Peter Martin, VPCIAG member, additional information gathering is being undertaken to determine if an expanded view of data collection can be taken and the logical steps to build a comprehensive review and creation of a comprehensive data collection process and data set that crosses the different settings patients occupy on a palliative care journey. The available resources to support this work will also be determined and this will inform the pace and scope of the work possible. Once this process is completed, the project brief will be finalised and work undertaken.</p>
Palliative Care Resource Allocation Model	<p>The Palliative Care Resource Allocation Model will be used to allocate funding to palliative care consortia to increase capacity in community palliative care nursing (see '2006-07 Victorian Budget' above).</p>
Volunteer Standards Project	<p>The Volunteer Standards and Templates have been completed by Volunteering Victoria and electronic copies are available for download from www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare</p> <p>Volunteers are likely to be part of the workforce study anticipated in the next year.</p>
PEPA	<p>Approval has been granted for an additional staff member in the DHS to manage PEPA for the next year at least (and longer once funding from the Australian Government is confirmed). An advertisement for the position was run in the Age newspaper on 8 July 2006, with applications closing on 21 July 2006. We will</p>

	<p>keep you posted on the progress of this position and anticipate the project officer will commence in August 2006.</p> <p>Post placement support transfers of \$24,000 to regional DHS offices (Hume, North and West Metro and Loddon Mallee) and direct payments to other agencies occurred early in July 2006.</p>
Communication Strategy	<p>The Communications Strategy final report has been completed by Palliative Care Victoria. Copies will be available shortly.</p> <p>The Palliative Care Victoria state conference will include a session on communications (working with the media) and this will be an ongoing area of work for PCV.</p>
Unassigned Bed Fund	<p>All community palliative care services have now been advised of their UBF top up allocations by DHS. Palliative Care Victoria will provide these funds to each community palliative care service once they have received a completed proforma detailing how funds will be spent. Further information and copies of the proforma list are available for download from http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/ubf.htm.</p>
Indigenous Palliative Care	<p>In the previous month, all services should have received a facilitator's guide to the Resource Kit for providing culturally appropriate palliative care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The kits were sent to CEOs of health services, so if you haven't got a folder, please enquire within your service. The DHS has small number of spare copies available on request if needed.</p> <p>The final report from the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) has been received and responded to. The DHS anticipates trying to arrange a meeting between VACCHO, PCV, DHS and the Ministers for Health, and Aboriginal Affairs to discuss the recommendations contained in the report for prioritisation and realisation.</p>
Community Nursing Funding from 2006-07 budget	<p>Payments have been determined using the PCRAM and consortia are being advised of allocations for their region.</p>