

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

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Name of Initiative/Project	Progress
Victorian Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner Program	<p>Eleven health services across the five rural and three metropolitan regions will receive funding for a range of innovative Nurse Practitioner programs and partnerships that will enhance palliative care service delivery. Approximately 22 Nurse Practitioner Candidates will be appointed by 2011 with an estimated total of 18 EFT positions across inpatient, community and outpatient palliative care settings in the rural and metropolitan regions. This funding will support Nurse Practitioner service model development, clinical supervision and professional support, and fund targeted scholarships for Nurse Practitioner Candidates. Collaborative service models have been proposed and endorsed by the Palliative Care Consortia. The following agencies will auspice the development and implementation of the models in the rural regions: Ballarat Health, Barwon Health, Bendigo Health, Central Gippsland Health Service, and Northeast Health Wangaratta. In the metropolitan regions the auspicing agencies include Calvary Health Care Bethlehem, Northern Health, Peninsula Health, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Southern Health, and St Vincent's Hospital.</p> <p>Congratulations are extended to all successful agencies, consortia and partnerships. The proposed models will foster innovation, and facilitate enhanced care and support that is coordinated and responsive to patient and family needs.</p> <p>An Industry Briefing for successful sites was held by DHS Nurse Policy Branch at DHS, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne on Tuesday 9 June 2009. The briefing was followed by a workshop facilitated by the Centre for Palliative Care Education and Research, who will convene the Victorian Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner Collaborative.</p> <p>For further enquiries please contact Jackie Kearney on (03) 9096 2143 Jackie.Kearney@dhs.vic.gov.au or Jo Hall on (03) 9096 2138 Jo.Hall@dhs.vic.gov.au</p>

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Health Promoting Palliative Care	<p>This two year project is in its final stages of implementation and is undergoing evaluation. A final project report will be sent to DHS in August and will be available to the sector soon after.</p> <p>We are pleased to announce that the project will continue in a slightly varied form in 2009-2010. This allows for the retention of the regional HPPC Coordinators and seeks to ensure that the good work and partnerships are not lost.</p> <p>For more information on the HPPC project contact Sue Salau at ssalau@pallcarevic.asn.au</p>
Monthly updates on the palliative care website	<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: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare</p>

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