

Monthly feedback to consortia – May

<p>Victorian Palliative Care Implementation Advisory Group (VPCIAG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting on 12 May 2006 • Five priority statewide projects have been identified for work in 2006/07; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service delivery framework • 24/7 • Review of specialist palliative care teams • Training and Development review, • Community based data collection (VICPCRS), • Membership of the advisory committee includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Larkins (PCV) • Prof Margaret O'Connor (Monash Uni) • Ann Zappulla (Loddon Mallee Palliative Care) • Angela Edwards (Aged Care Branch, DHS) • Jo Hall (Barwon South Western Palliative Care consortium) • Dr Peter Martin (St Vincent's Hospital) • Associate Prof Peter Hudson (Centre for Palliative Care) • Robyn McLeod (Consumer Advocate) • Mark Cockayne (South East Palliative Care) • Maria Bohan (Carers Victoria)
<p>Regional Palliative Care Consortia – DHS support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance and authority • Care Coordination • Regional Planning (PCRAM) (see specific items later on)
<p>Workforce Supply and Demand</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first draft of the final report has been received from the Service and Workforce development Unit. • A revised version appropriate for publication and widespread distribution will be created from the final report. • A launch of the document is likely in the coming months, perhaps the PCV conference in July • The logical next step is to undertake an employee survey. The same group who did the employer survey are interested in undertaking this work. Discussions will commence with them. Input from Consortia are welcome on broad areas of investigation of such a survey.
<p>24/7 Provision of Palliative Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the 24/7 survey were received from 40 palliative care services • The responses are currently being analysed – a summary will be distributed by the end of May 2006 • A subgroup of the VPCIAG will be formed to progress this work
<p>Palliative care data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business case submitted to VPCIAG for review of community based data collection. • Outlining proposal for internal DHS review of VICPCRS in two parts; (1) data items and (2) process for sending in information. • Review likely to be completed by end of 2006. • If review completed by September 2006, any change to data set can be submitted to Data Management Advisory Committee for approval and possible inclusion in 2007/08 year. • Lots of committees and approvals required for data within Victoria's health system, makes the process a bit more complicated and lengthy than desirable, hence we are taking the opportunity to try and get a very good system with a comprehensive review. • Data has been received from agencies for the first three quarters of 2005/06 year. Thank you. The first nine monthly

	<p>report for each agency and the regional report will be distributed (if not already) to regional DHS officers as per protocol in the near future.</p>
Palliative Care Resource Allocation Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The model has been completed and approved and was used in recent allocations to new funding. • The model will be written up and distributed to consortia for their use by the end of June 2006.
Volunteer Standards Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering Victoria have completed the volunteering standards and templates. These documents will be finalised and circulated to consortia by the end of May 2006.
PEPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By end of May, 191 placements will have been completed. • Final reports due to Australian Government by end of May. • Post placement support plans have been received from every regional consortia. Arrangements are being made to have payments made as soon into the new financial year as possible. Due to the nature of the payment system, we have been informed that some consortia may not receive funds until August. This is due to the fund holder being a NGO rather than a health service and the service agreement being held by the DHS regional office.
Communication Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palliative Care Victoria has completed the draft communications strategy. The final version of this document will be available in the next few months.