

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

**Date: October 2008**

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Statewide Palliative Care meeting	<p>Thank you to everyone who attended and presented at the statewide palliative care meeting last week. It was a valuable update re. the work that palliative care statewide services and academic units are doing to implement the <i>Strengthening Palliative Care</i> policy.</p> <p>This was the last statewide meeting for 2008. Dates for the 2009 meetings will be advised shortly.</p>
PCV 6 <sup>th</sup> Biennial State Conference 23-24 October 2008	<p>The 6th Biennial State Conference "Palliative Care – beyond the boundaries" will be held in Melbourne on 23-24 October 2008. Visit <a href="http://www.pallcarevic.asn.au">www.pallcarevic.asn.au</a> for more information.</p>
<i>Palliative Care for People at Home</i> pilot projects	<p>'Improving access to palliative care for people who have had a stroke and their carers' - A steering committee has been established to provide advice and direction on the implementation of this pilot project. The first meeting is scheduled for 22/10/08.</p> <p>'Developing the role of a pharmacist in community palliative care multidisciplinary teams to improve outcomes for people at home, and their carers' – expressions of interest are currently being evaluated and a host site to pilot this project will be announced shortly.</p> <p>Additional information at: <a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare">www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare</a></p>

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Strengthening Palliative Care Evaluation and Refresh	The conceptual framework for the evaluation is currently being finalised and will be made available via the website shortly. The first stage of the evaluation will be collating existing data and information that helps to answer the research question for the evaluation. More information will be provided about this in mid November.																
New Consortium Managers	<p>There have been several new consortia managers appointed – Deborah Kottek in Eastern Metropolitan Region, Tanja Bahro in Southern Metropolitan Region and Trish O'Hara in Loddon Mallee Region. The position in Barwon South Western region is currently vacant (interim consortia manager is Heather Robinson). Welcome to all the new managers. The updated email list for consortia managers is:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="752 517 1615 778"> <tr> <td>Deborah Kottek</td> <td><a href="mailto:DKottek@epc.asn.au">DKottek@epc.asn.au</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tanja Bahro</td> <td><a href="mailto:consortium@sepallcare.org.au">consortium@sepallcare.org.au</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Molly Carlile</td> <td><a href="mailto:mollyinv@bigpond.net.au">mollyinv@bigpond.net.au</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heather Robinson</td> <td><a href="mailto:heathrob@barwonhealth.org.au">heathrob@barwonhealth.org.au</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anthony Hooper</td> <td><a href="mailto:prfarm@sympac.com.au">prfarm@sympac.com.au</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Claire McKenna</td> <td><a href="mailto:clairemc@bhs.org.au">clairemc@bhs.org.au</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Catherine Hattersley</td> <td><a href="mailto:catherine.hattersley@nhw.hume.org.au">catherine.hattersley@nhw.hume.org.au</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trish O'Hara</td> <td><a href="mailto:lmconsortium@mtalexhosp.vic.gov.au">lmconsortium@mtalexhosp.vic.gov.au</a></td> </tr> </table>	Deborah Kottek	<a href="mailto:DKottek@epc.asn.au">DKottek@epc.asn.au</a>	Tanja Bahro	<a href="mailto:consortium@sepallcare.org.au">consortium@sepallcare.org.au</a>	Molly Carlile	<a href="mailto:mollyinv@bigpond.net.au">mollyinv@bigpond.net.au</a>	Heather Robinson	<a href="mailto:heathrob@barwonhealth.org.au">heathrob@barwonhealth.org.au</a>	Anthony Hooper	<a href="mailto:prfarm@sympac.com.au">prfarm@sympac.com.au</a>	Claire McKenna	<a href="mailto:clairemc@bhs.org.au">clairemc@bhs.org.au</a>	Catherine Hattersley	<a href="mailto:catherine.hattersley@nhw.hume.org.au">catherine.hattersley@nhw.hume.org.au</a>	Trish O'Hara	<a href="mailto:lmconsortium@mtalexhosp.vic.gov.au">lmconsortium@mtalexhosp.vic.gov.au</a>
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PEPA	Applications are being accepted for supervised clinical placements. Further information available at: <a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/PEPA">www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/PEPA</a>																
Service Delivery Framework and Funding Model Review (SDF & FMR) Project	<p>The advisory group for this project have met and the project is now underway. As part of the communication with the sector about the project, a website has been set up. As the project is undertaken the website will be further updated.</p> <p><a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/sdffmr">www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare/sdffmr</a></p> <p>The palliative care sector will be extensively consulted as part of this project. The consultations will commence in November but the bulk of the consultations will occur from February 2009.</p>																
Scholarships for the palliative care workforce	Palliative Care Victoria has announced the next round of a funding for scholarships for people undertaking graduate or post-graduate courses relevant to palliative care. The scholarships are for a maximum of \$3,000. Application forms and guidelines are posted on the PCV website ( <a href="http://www.pallcarevic.asn.au/">http://www.pallcarevic.asn.au/</a> ). Applications close on 28 November 2008.																

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Community performance measure and target setting project	This project has concluded with a performance measure, activity target methodology and adjustment methodology decided. Executive officers of all community palliative care services will be contacted in the coming weeks and be provided with an outline the changes for 1 July 2009 and an indication of the activity target for their service from 1 July 2009.
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:  <a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare">http://www.health.vic.gov.au/palliativecare</a></p>

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