

# Better Connections-Better Care



Supporting improved inter-agency care planning

Grampians Region

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# Inter-agency care planning

## What is it?

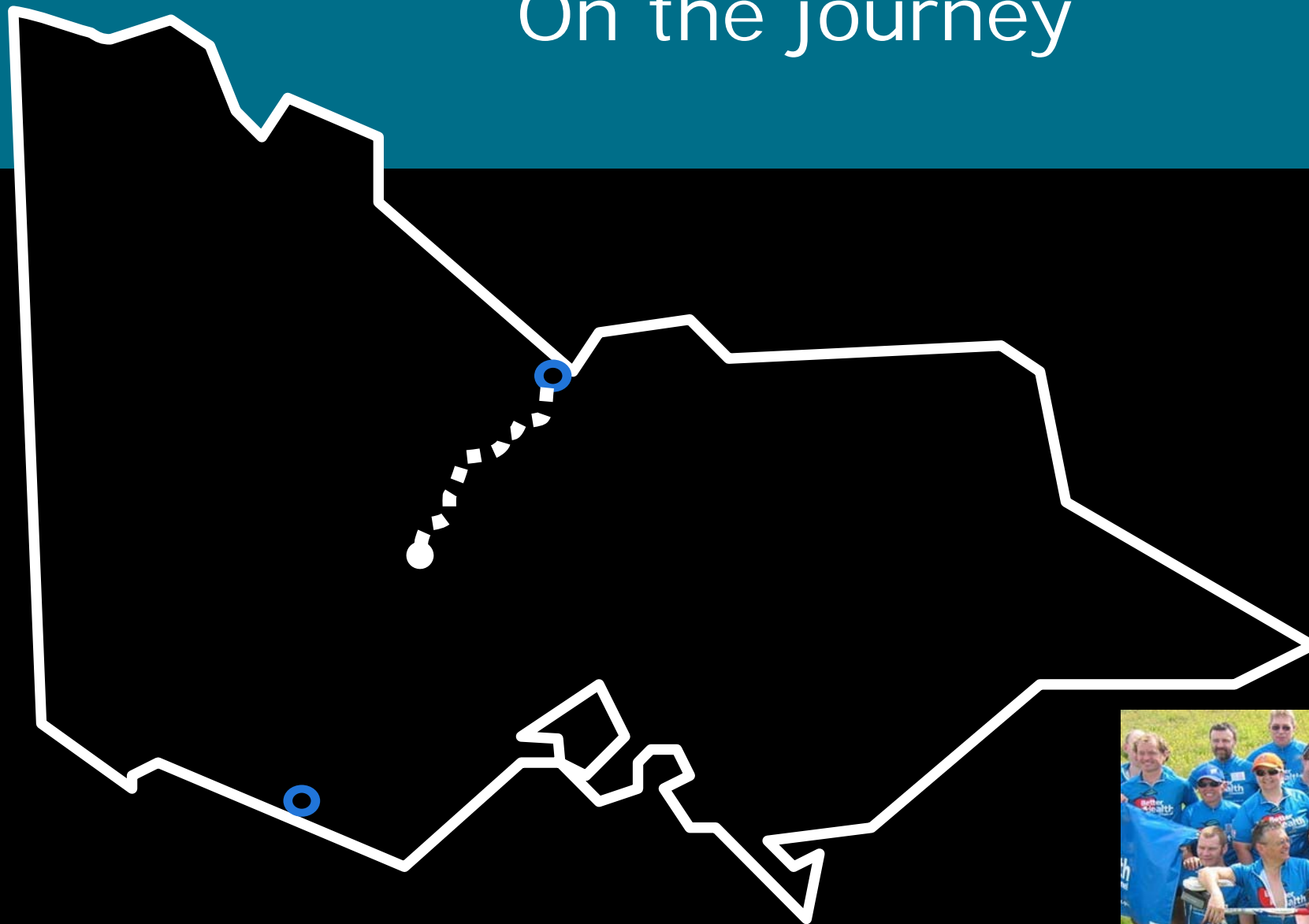
- Consumer has complex or multiple needs
- More than one agency
- Needs of consumer
- Carer, practitioners and GP
- Options worked through to an agreed strategy

*Victorian Service Coordination Practice Manual 2007, p22*

# Chronic Care Model



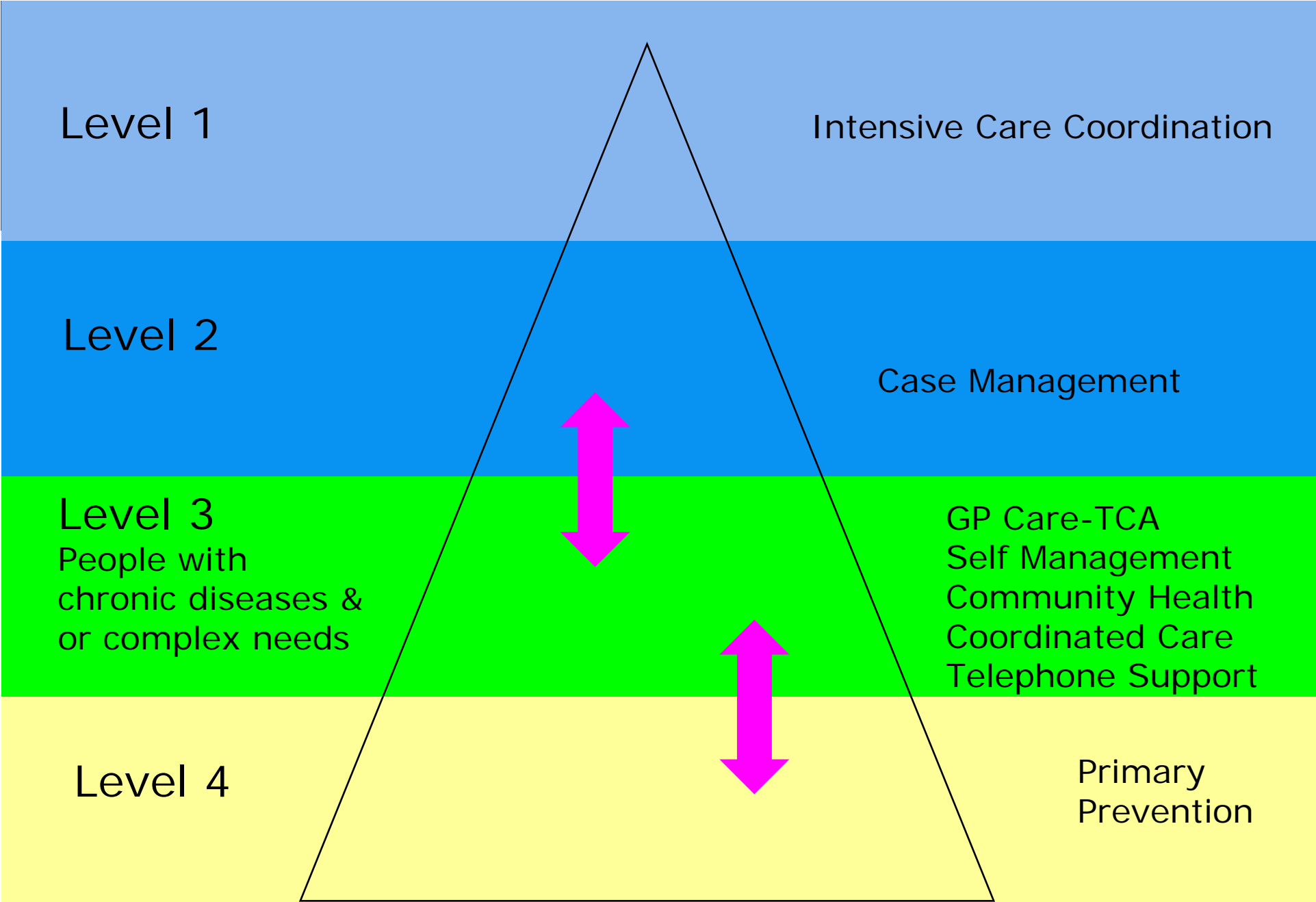
# On the journey



# Why?

- Growing demand
- Together we do better
- Better health outcomes
- Improved quality of care
- Efficient use of limited resources





Levels of chronic and complex care management

# The Vision



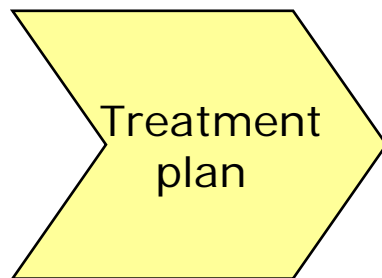
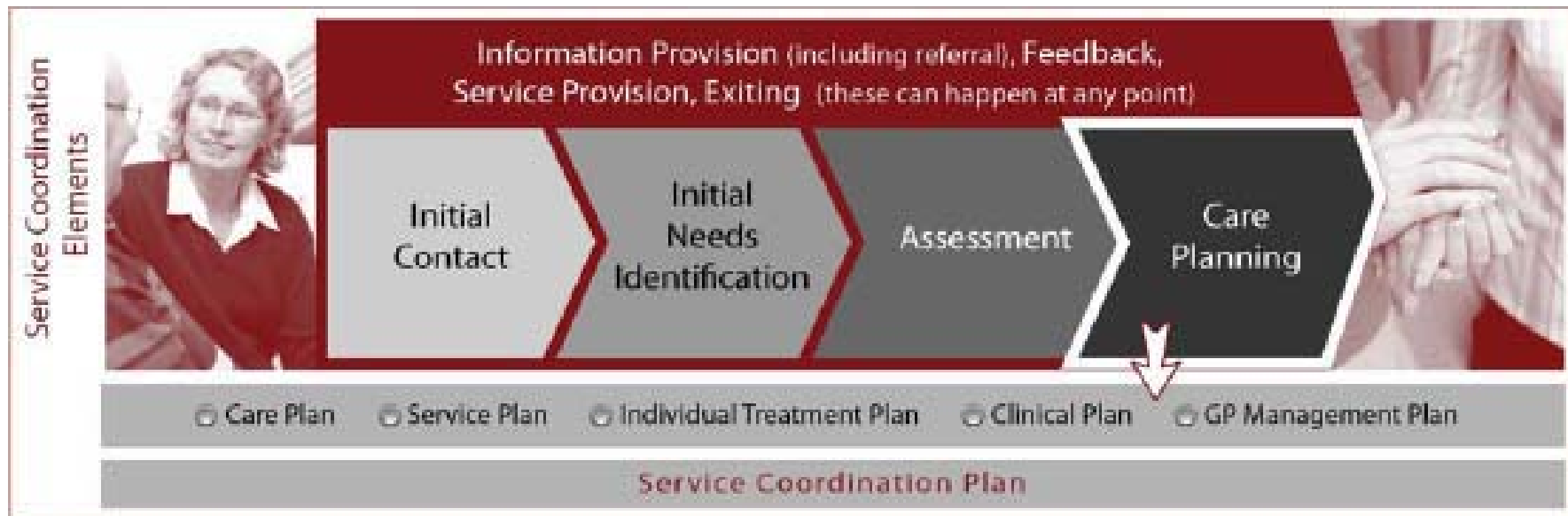
Consumers are supported to achieve their goals

Everyone with chronic and complex care needs has a care plan

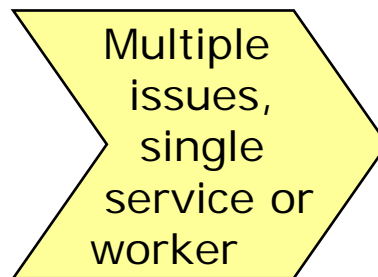
# Processes & practices required

- Agreed protocols
- Trust between agencies
- Feedback & communication
- “Key worker” with appropriate skills
- Business practices and systems
- Support the consumers

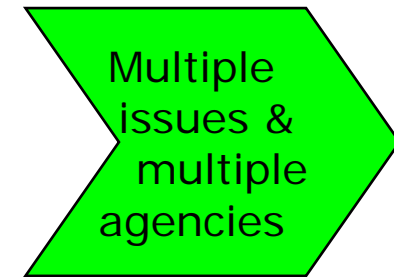
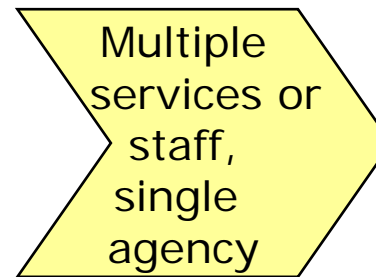
# Building on assessment and goals



Service specific care plan



Intra-agency



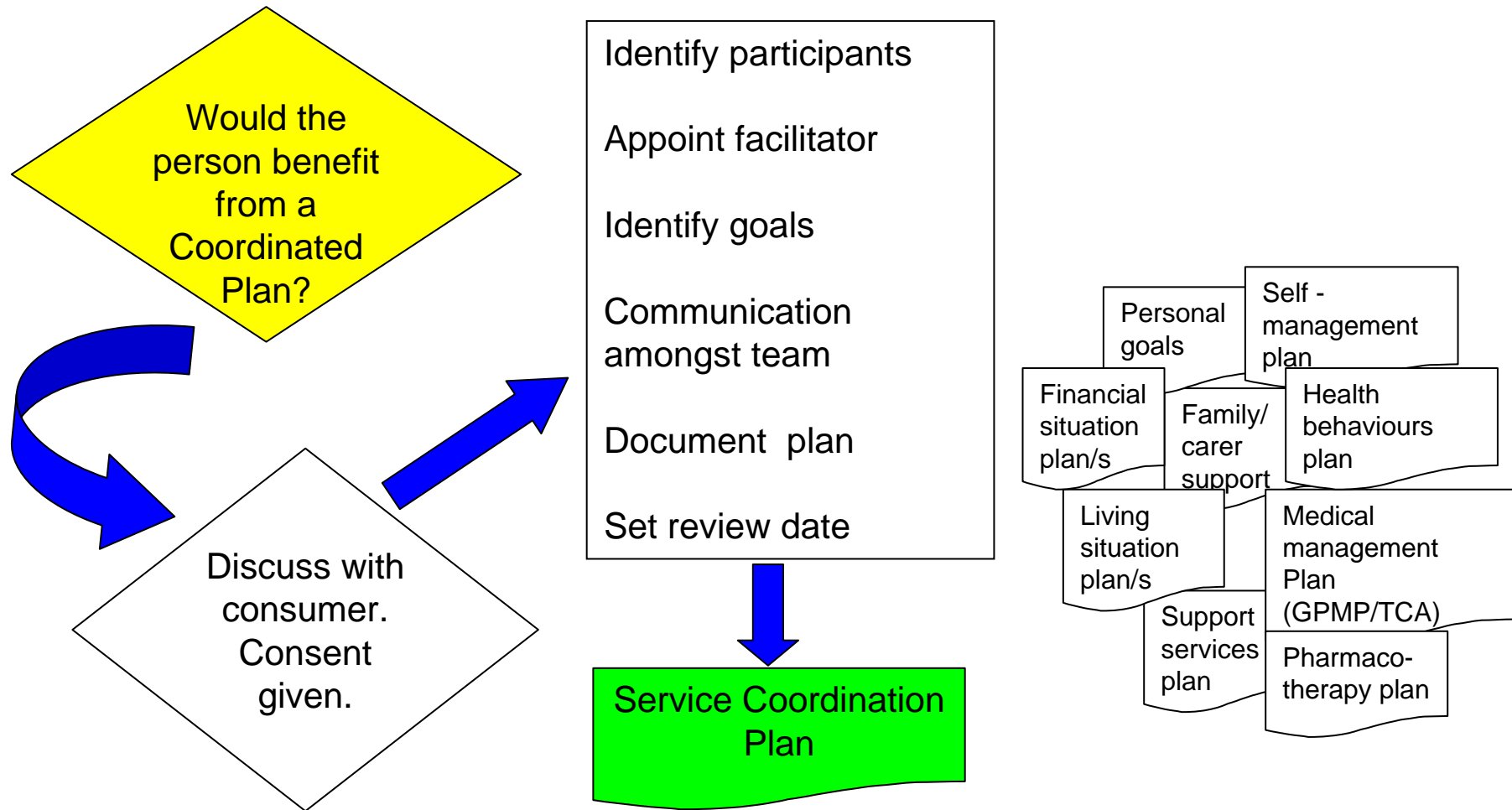
Inter-agency care plan

# Inter-agency Care Planning

Outcome – one plan or linked plans

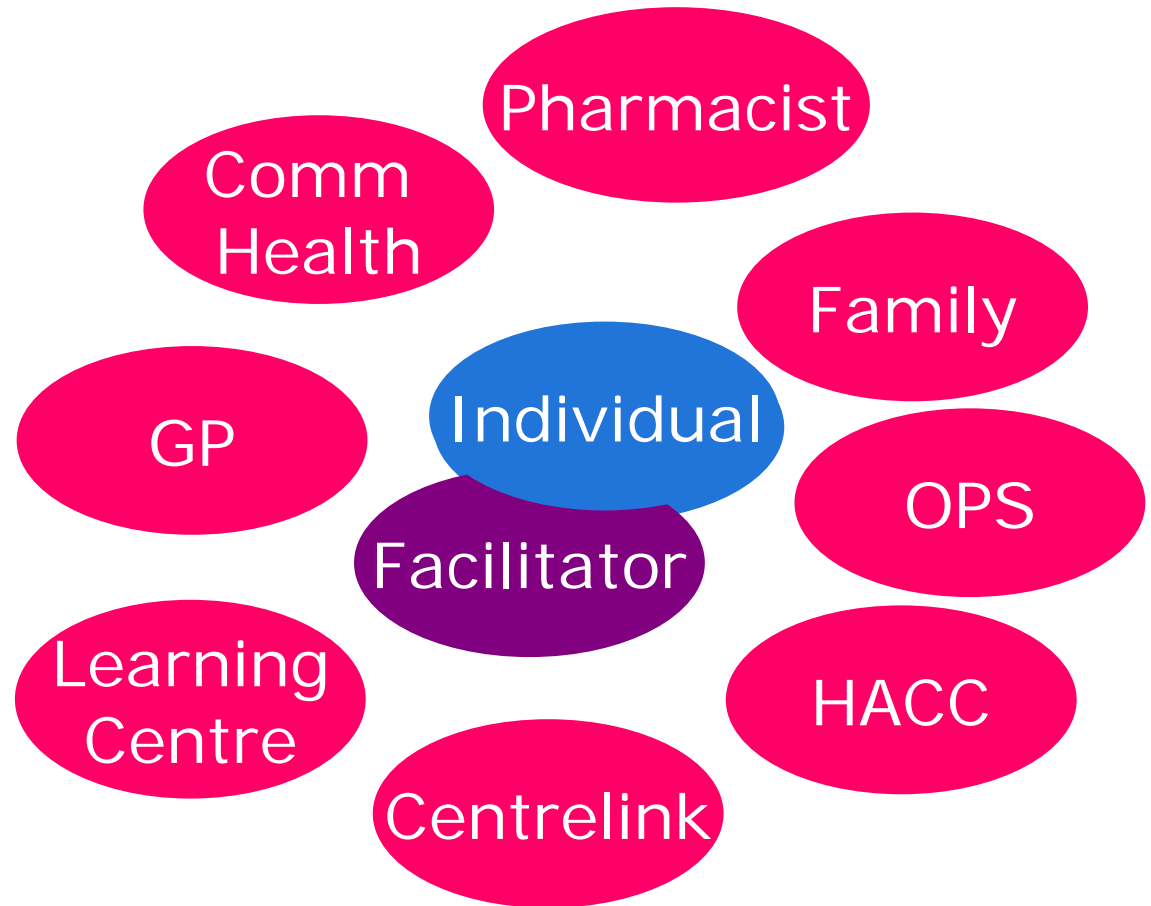
- Engagement and empowerment of the consumer
- Social, emotional and health needs
- Synthesis of multiple goals
- Based on assessment
- Coordinated scheduling of services
- Documentation, monitoring and communication

# Process for inter-agency care planning



# Principles of Self-Management

Knowledge  
Involvement  
Care Plan  
Monitor & Review  
Impact  
Lifestyle



Connected support team

# How is it going?



The direction  
The supports  
The relationships


The systems  
The tools  
The people



# Medicare Benefits Scheme Project

- Focus on CDM prevention and management MBS item numbers
- Phase 1 (**published**) – Resources to enhance understanding of new MBS item numbers
- Phase 2 (**coming**) – Examples of service models, & business case for change in CH to assist change management

# MBS Project

Address  <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/communityhealth/gps/mbs.htm>

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State Government of Victoria, Australia, Department of Human Services  
Victorian Government Health Information



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## Medicare Benefits Schedule Project

The Department of Human Services Primary Health Branch is working to provide information and support to Victorian primary health care agencies who may be looking to build or extend evidence-based models of care that incorporate recently introduced MBS item numbers. These item numbers have a particular focus on the prevention or management of chronic disease and mental health conditions. Summaries of these items and their business rules have been developed as the first stage of the project.

By working together, community health services and GPs/general practices can enhance client/patient access to services by constructing new models of care that incorporate MBS-rebateable services where appropriate.

To find information relevant to your needs, select from the following options:

- [Are you in community health?](#)
- [Are you in general practice?](#)

Hint: you can find the pages by googling "MBS Project"

# Example of information on website

## Care planning and case conferencing Summary of MBS item numbers

Service type →	Care Planning prepared by a GP		Case Conferencing prepared by a GP				GP contribution to a care plan prepared by another provider		GP participation in Case Conferencing organised and coordinated by another provider				Practice nurse or registered Aboriginal Health Worker monitoring and support
Patient eligibility →	Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Items												
Relevant MBS Item Number →	GP Management Plan (GPMP) #721	Team Care Arrangements (TCA) #723	Organise and coordinate a Community Case Conference	Lead and coordinate a Case Conference of at least 10 mins duration where there are at least four medical practitioners from different areas of practice and, in addition, allied health providers #871	Organise and coordinate a Case Conference in a RACF	Organise and Coordinate a Discharge Case Conference	Contribution to a Care Plan, or a review of a Care Plan, being prepared by another provider <sup>1</sup> #729	Contribution to a Care Plan, or a review of a Care Plan, being prepared by the RACF or hospital from which the resident is being discharged #731	Participation in a Case Conference	Participation in a Case Conference of at least 10 mins duration and where there are at least four medical practitioners from different areas of practice and, in addition, allied health providers #872	Participate in a Case Conference in a RACF	Participate in a Discharge Case Conference	Provision of monitoring and support for people with a chronic disease, on behalf of a GP #10997
	Review of GP Management Plan #725	Review of Team Care Arrangements #727	15–30 mins #740 30–45 mins #742 >45 mins #744		15–30 mins #734 30–45 mins #736 >45 mins #738	15–30 mins #746 30–45 mins #749 >45 mins #757			15–30 mins #759 30–45 mins #762 >45 mins #765		15–30 mins #775 30–45 mins #778 >45 mins #779	15–30 mins #768 30–45 mins #771 >45 mins #773	

# MBS items

- Care Plan prepared by GP-GPMP/TCA
- Case conference prepared by GP
- GP contribution to a care plan by another provider
- GP participation in case conference organized by another provider
- Practice Nurse or Aboriginal Health Worker monitoring or support

# Inter-agency Care Planning Progress-Grampians Region

- Central Victorian Health Alliance-  
Care Coordination Pathway
- The Grampians Health Information and  
Communications Technology Alliance-  
development of a shared electronic care  
planning model.

# Inter-agency Care Planning Progress-Grampians Region

- Increase in number of agencies and staff using e referral system which can be built on for care planning
- Self management and care planning training
- Victorian Service Coordination Practice Manual
- Other

# Successful strategies for improved health outcomes

- Relationships between service providers
- Arrangements for coordinating service provision
- Use of systems to support coordination

# Successful strategies for client satisfaction

- Relationships between service providers
- Support for clinicians/workers
- Communication between service providers
- Support for consumers/patients

# Strengthening relationships between service providers

- Strengthening the link between patient and primary health care providers, particularly for those with complex care needs
- Developing stronger networks of service providers

# Strengthening relationships between service providers

- Strengthening general practice multidisciplinary teams including the role of practice nurses in chronic disease management
- Co-locating general practice and other services
- Investing in systems to support co-ordination of care between co-located systems

# Supporting coordination of service provision

- Developing service networks and arrangements for improved access to allied health and other community based services for early intervention

# Systems to support coordination of care

- Develop systems for communicating or sharing information between primary health care and other service providers
- Create structures, particularly at a regional level, which are able to develop systems to support coordination of care

# Systems to support coordination of care

- Further developing tools (e.g. common assessments, care plans, decision supports) that can be used by a range of providers across both national and state funded services and integrated in the care provided by different services.

# Service Coordination Plan

A tool for inter-agency care planning built into software applications which forms part of the SCTT and is available for use by all.

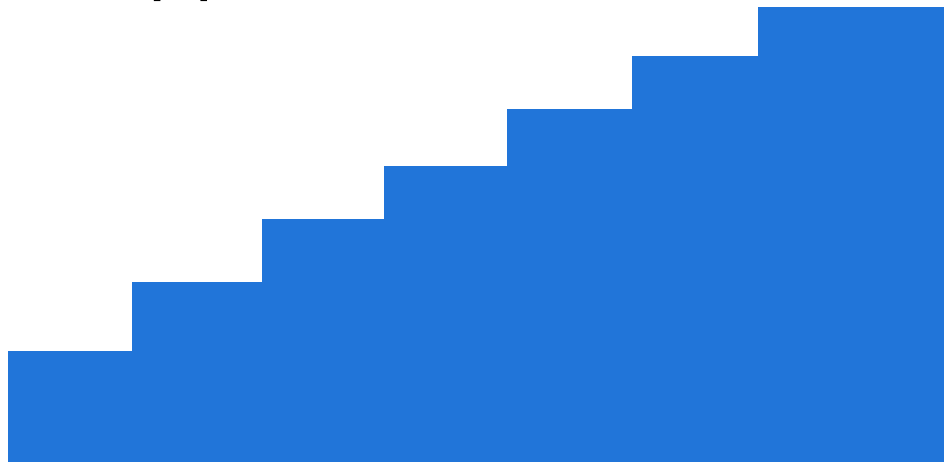
## **Time for revision**

- Care planning advisory group
- Consultations
- Via the internet

[https://www.health.vic.gov.au/pcps/coordination/sctt\\_survey.htm](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/pcps/coordination/sctt_survey.htm)

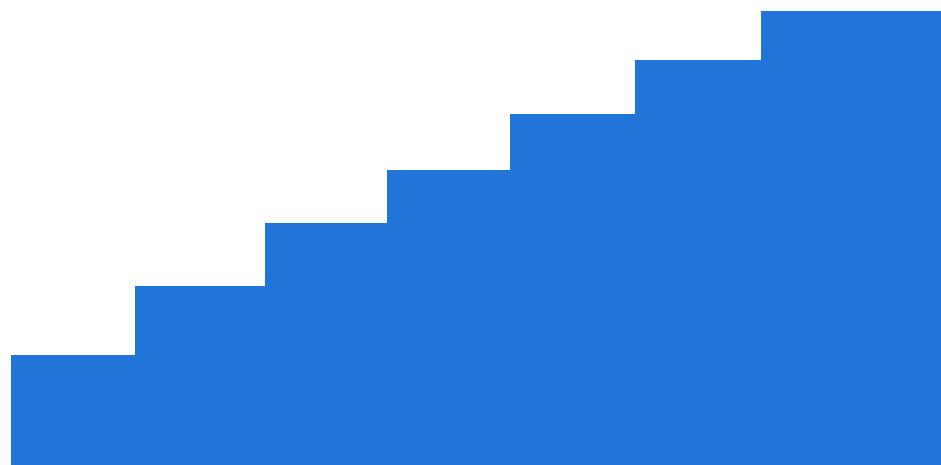
# Seven steps to effective inter-agency care planning...

- Relationships between service providers
- Systems to support coordinated care planning
- Tools to support coordinated care planning
- Support for consumers/clients and carers
- Support for workers



# Seven steps to effective inter-agency care planning...

- Discuss questions together in groups
- Share your knowledge
- Record the results
- Present results



# Next steps for Grampians Region -build relationships

- Forums for relationship building-complex care network, service liaison meeting
- Work to build trust between agencies and establish MOU's
- Develop a "Better Care" group to include AOD workers, intake workers, non govt agencies and discharge coordinators-address service coordination and inter-agency care planning
- Engage with agencies who have not yet been included in partnerships

# Next steps for Grampians Region -tools and systems

- Improve IT connectivity, quality and usability
- Build on e referral implementation
- Support and progress GICTA work

# Next steps for Grampians Region -tools and systems

- Evaluation and review of current inter-agency care planning systems
- Initial needs assessment to become issues based rather than solution focused

# Next steps for Grampians Region -processes

- Build care planning into quality improvement frameworks
- Formalize and strengthen shared protocols for intra and inter-agency care planning
- Establish agency MOU's which reflect service coordination principles and participation

# Next steps for Grampians Region -support for staff

- Advocate for increased resources to gatekeeper roles e.g. ACAS
- Continual education of how to work together on interagency care planning
- Provide training in using IT systems, MBS items, engaging with GP's
- Clarification and understanding of roles
- Education about other agencies- what they offer and how they work
- Improve skills in working with complex clients

# Next steps for Grampians Region -support for consumers

- Avoid “ownership” of clients
- Improve self management skills
- Support clients in driving and owning their own health care
- Look at appointment of key workers based on clients perspective/preference rather than agency needs

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Thankyou for participating-Lets keep working together  
Care Planning website

[http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pcps/coordination/care\\_planning.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pcps/coordination/care_planning.htm)