

Continuing Care and Clinical Service Development News

February 2006

Development of a stroke care strategy for Victoria – update

Stakeholder consultation with providers and consumers about questions and issues raised in acute and sub-acute stroke services discussion paper has been completed. A PDF version of the stakeholder consultation report, produced by PricewaterhouseCoopers, is available in full from the stroke care website. This report will inform the development of the statewide Stroke Care Strategy.

For further information, go to www.health.vic.gov.au/strokecare or contact Paul Fennessy on (03) 9616 2142 or by email at paul.fennessy@dhs.vic.gov.au

Clinical Service Development unit welcomes new staff

We are very pleased to announce a number of new members to the Clinical Service Development Unit (CSD) team. The new team members are:

- Louise Devereux, Manager
- Debbie Sudano, Senior Project Officer
- Greg Dowling, Senior Project Officer
- John Fraser, Project Officer

The CSD unit was established in July 2005 and provides a coordinated and systematic approach to clinical service planning. The unit will be working on a range of projects over the coming year. This includes progressing work on completed reviews and the commencement of new work in areas identified as high priority for clinical service development.

Current work includes:

- Implementation of the recommendations arising from the review of renal dialysis and HIV/AIDS services.
- Finalisation of the reviews of stroke, ear nose and throat, ophthalmology and paediatric orthopaedics services.
- Management of the New Technology/Clinical Practice program.
- Commencement of a clinical service review of state-wide diabetes services.

For further information about the CSD unit, please email louise.devereux@dhs.vic.gov.au



Introducing Louise Devereux

Louise joined the Department on 3 January 2006 to undertake the role of Manager of the Clinical Service Development Unit.

Prior to commencing in the Department Louise worked in a range of clinical and management roles at the Royal Children's Hospital including Nurse Manager of the Neuroscience Unit and then as Program Manager of the Home Care Services at RCH. This included a number of statewide services such as Hospital in the Home, Post Acute Care, the Family Choice Program, the Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Program and working with the DEET to support children with medical conditions in schools.

More recently Louise has been the project manager responsible for developing alternative models of care and improving patient flow.

Louise is looking forward to utilising her clinical and managerial experience to contribute to the development of health policy and programs.

Provider forum schedule 2006

Friday 10 February 2006 – Assessing older people

Register your attendance by **Wednesday 8 February 2006** and ensure your place at this interactive forum. The resource *A guide for assessing older people in hospitals* will be presented and best evidence approaches to assessment and improving care for older people will be shared.

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: Department of Human Services
Conference Room A & B
Level 12/555 Collins Street, Melbourne
(agenda available – see contact details below)

Friday 12 May 2006 – Person-centred health care

Venue to be advised

Friday 11 August 2006 – End of life decision making

Venue to be advised

Friday 17 November 2006 – Acquired brain injury

Venue to be advised

These forums (formerly known as sub-acute provider forums) are free and lunch is provided.

RSVP and enquiries to: carol.pyke@dhs.vic.gov.au or phone Carol on 9616 1335

Post Acute Care program review

More than 270 responses were received to a survey seeking perspectives on the Post Acute Care Program. Respondents represented a broad range of service providers including acute and sub-acute health services, local government agencies, district nursing services and other community-based service providers.

The survey responses will be used to inform regional consultation forums that will commence on Monday 13 February 2006 and conclude on Friday 10 March 2006. The details for each forum are:

Region	Date	Venue
Barwon-South Western	Monday 13 February 2006 12.30pm – 4.00pm	Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Cnr Gellibrand and Rae Streets, Colac
North and West	Friday 17 February 2006 12.30pm – 4.00pm	Hotel Y Function Room (Gr. Floor), 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
Southern	Tuesday 21 February 2006 12.30pm – 4.00pm	Southern Golf Club Members Lounge, Lower Dandenong Road, Keysborough
Eastern	Thursday 23 February 2006 12.30pm – 4.00pm	Karralyka Centre Mount Dandenong Room, Mines Road, Ringwood East
Gippsland	Friday 24 February 2006 12.30pm – 4.00pm	Century Inn Princes Hwy (cnr Airfield Rd), Traralgon
Hume	Monday 27 February 2006 12.30pm – 4.00pm	Parklake Motor Inn 481 Wyndham Street, Shepparton
Grampians	Tuesday 7 March 2006 12.30pm – 4.00pm	Ararat RSL 74 – 76 High Street, Ararat
Loddon Mallee	Friday 10 March 2006 12.30pm – 4.00pm	Foundry Hotel Complex Platinum Room, 366 High Street, Bendigo

Please RSVP to Carol Pyke by Thursday 9 February 2006

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A flier advertising the forums can be downloaded from the following website: www.health.vic.gov.au/pac/review.htm

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