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The Victorian Healthcare Association (VHA) is the major peak body representing the interests of the public healthcare sector in Victoria. The VHA promotes the improvements of health outcomes for all Victorians from the perspectives of its members that include public hospitals, rural and regional health services, community health services and aged care facilities.

"Optimising health outcomes for all Victorians"

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- Introduction
  - Community health services change in structure
  - Changing nature of the primary healthcare environment
  - Do these two change provide opportunities for registered community health services to work collaboratively?
  - Is there a role for the VHA to facilitate this?

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- Registered Community Health Service Change in Structure
  - Implemented in 2009
  - Requires agencies to make business decisions within a new regulatory and legislative environment
  - Increasingly competitive environment for agencies
  - Less government control of activities

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- Primary Healthcare Environment
  - Reform has provided a range of opportunities for agencies
  - Greater competition across the primary healthcare space
  - The changing role of the Federal Government – what will be the impact
  - Greater role for allied health services and chronic disease management provides business opportunities
  - E-Health- what will this mean and what are the synergies across agencies

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- How can CHS leverage their advantages?
  - Shared services models
  - Combined tendering
  - Centralised purchasing of some services
  - Business analysis

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- How can the VHA assist Community Health Services
  - New Business Development Manager
  - Australian Centre for Healthcare Governance
  - Collaboration across agencies
  - Supporting joint projects (rural IT consultancy)