

Where are we up to in Community Health in Victoria? – priorities and progress

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Workshop Outcomes – August 2005

- Awareness of the concept of clinical governance
- Some preliminary approaches to developing clinical governance system in CHS
- A list of issues to be considered in rolling out a CHS approach
- Group of people interested in being involved in the next steps



CHV Clinical Governance Steering Committee

Aim

To provide leadership and support for the development of a Clinical Governance Framework for Community Health across Victoria.

Objectives

- Develop a Clinical Governance Model and accompanying tools applicable for Community Health agencies across Victoria;
- Support sector wide education strategies around Clinical Governance;
- Support the sector in promoting current and future work undertaken by CHS around Clinical Governance.
- Develop an advocacy role to share resources and networking



CHV Clinical Governance Steering Committee Membership

Community Health Representatives

- Tracie Andrews – Moreland CHS
- Paula Bacchia – Whitehorse CHS
- Fiona Lynch – Dianella CH
- Anne Lyon – Knox CHS
- Linda McCoy – West Gippsland HealthCare Group
- Gabrielle McTiernan – Plenty Valley CH
- Vicky Mason – Darebin CH

Support Agencies

- Tony Triado – DHS
- Steve Einfeld – QIC
- Hal Swerissen – La Trobe / AIPC
- Alison Brown – CHV CG Project Manager
- Heather McDonald – ACHS
- Ann Elkins – BECC
- Shane McGuire – DHSV
- Michael Taylor – AIPC
- Phillip Slater - VMIA



Work Plan

- Based on key result areas agreed at workshop
- Over 50 tasks identified
- Potential outcome for each task identified
- Prioritised into High / Medium / Low
- Priority based on benefit to sector



Work Plan Principles

- Use existing resources / tools where possible
– within Victoria / Nationally / Overseas
- Do not duplicate work that is going on in other parts of the sector ie Demand Management
- Work on tasks that can produce results in the short to medium term



Focus on managing risk

- Board Policy / Reporting
- Credentialing
- Clinical Risk Management
- Clinical Indicators



Workshop – February 2006

- Progress the work on Clinical Governance with formation of working groups
- feedback on work completed to date
- Clarified the future work to be done on key areas in clinical governance



Project Worker

- 6 months funding received from DHS to employ a project worker to support the CG project
- Further 12 months funding currently being sought through DHS



Working Groups

- Clinical Risk Management working group – developing a clinical risk management framework and tools for community health
- BOM Reporting work commenced – BOM CG policy and investigating BOM report formats
- Scope of Practice and Credentialing working group – currently being established
- Clinical Indicators working group to be established



Other Work

- Web based information and resources – www.vha.org.au
- Workshops/ Information sessions for sector
- Development of Train the trainer packages
- Staff orientation packages in quality and safety

