

## Connecting Healthcare In Communities

Primary Health Care  
Partnership Councils



### Communiqué for Health Service Providers

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Primary health care service providers from the Cape to the Coast and from Toowoomba to Townsville are gathering regularly with their local counterparts on some 16 Partnership Councils (PCs) throughout the state to work together to enhance coordination, integration and innovation in service delivery.

In the coming months, a major focus for the PCs and their member organisations will be working with the support of industry experts to further integrate and better coordinate their primary health care service delivery.

The Statewide CHIC Partnership Council is working closely with the Australian Institute of Primary Care at La Trobe Uni, to finalise the evaluation framework and tools with baseline evaluation expected to begin across the state in June.

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Recent additions to the website include:

- Details of funded Service Delivery and Innovation submissions from the Partnership Councils, and
- The revised Southern Area Service Delivery and Innovation Funding Submissions Template.

The website is receiving an average of over 10 visitors a day, so why not save it to your favourites and keep up to date on all things CHIC. If you have any ideas or suggestions for further improvements to the site please do not hesitate to contact the CHIC Team.

#### Progress Update

The **Northern** CHIC Advisory Council have assessed and endorsed Service Delivery and Innovation submissions from a number of their Partnership Councils. Successful submissions include a 'Podiatry, Insulin and Kidney (PIK) Integration of Diabetes Services' in Mackay, Child and Youth 'Community Physical Activity and Nutrition Program in Cairns, the Tablelands Diabetes Management Program and Aged Care 'Yellow Envelope' initiative. Partners in Townsville have received funding to strengthen 'Integrated Health Partnerships' and the Cape York Partnership Council have utilised their funding for 'Standardised Referral Pathways for Chronic Disease' and 'Collaborative Action for Primary Health Care' workshops.

The Minister for Health is expected to announce the details of these submissions very soon. Further information will be available on the CHIC website once this has occurred.

The Torres Strait and Mt Isa PCs will have further opportunity in the coming weeks to enter submissions for Service Delivery and Innovation funding.

Of the five established PCs in **Central** Area, Central Queensland PC have approval for their funding to undertake a community 'Chronic Disease Screening Process in Woorabinda', 'Detoxification and

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Rehabilitation Services for Young People in Central Queensland', and the placement of 'Rural Chronic and Complex Care Coordinators'.

At their April meeting, the **Southern** Area CHIC Governance Council approved the distribution of the remaining Service Delivery and Innovation funding for 07-08. At the end of July, the group will meet to consider further submissions from the five Partnership Councils for funding for the 2008-09 financial year. A revised assessment method and submission template will be utilised in this and future funding rounds. The revised template is now available via the website.

## Next Steps

- Ongoing development of Partnership Council Service Delivery and Innovation proposals.
- Commencement of baseline evaluation.
- Provision of expert collaborative and capacity building support and professional development opportunities for all PCs and key partners throughout 2008.
- Implementation of the many shared Service Delivery and Innovation Projects.

## Upcoming Events

Statewide CHIC Partnership Council meeting Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of July, 9.30-11am. Venue to be confirmed.

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