

Allied Health Network

Thursday 11 March 2004

Convenor: Anne Diamond: (03) 9341 5200

- 9:45am *Registration – Refreshments available*
- 10.10am **Welcome – Anne Diamond, GPDV**
- 10.15am **Small Group Discussion**
You will work in small groups for half an hour to discuss the key issues emerging from your projects to date. The purpose of this discussion is to identify common issues and themes for further exploration. Each group will report back, briefly, to the large group followed by discussion.
- 11.10am *Morning Tea*
- 11.30am **Specialised Referrals**
Effective Follow-Up for Suicidal Clients of Hospital Emergency Departments Projects – Sean Lynch, DoHA State Office
Sean will describe the four projects currently operating in Victoria and their potential links with the Access to Allied Health projects.
Supportive Care for Cancer Patients – Monica Byrnes, Cancer Co-ordination Unit, DHS
Monica will briefly present on the Cancer Services Framework and its relationship to the Access to Allied Health projects.
Discussion will focus on the capacity of the projects to offer specialised referrals for patients and the issues arising from this form of linkage with existing projects.
We will return to local implementation issues concerning the projects, following this discussion.
- 12.45pm *Lunch*
- 1.30pm **Evaluation Issues**
National Update – Colleen Krestensen, Director, Partnerships Reform Section
Colleen will provide a brief update on the national evaluation for the *Better Outcomes in Mental Health Initiative*.
Evaluation Issues – Belinda Morley, University of Melbourne
Discussion concerning the uppermost evaluation issues for the national evaluation with Belinda. Recommendations, if needed, for the Commonwealth will be developed.
- 3.00pm *Afternoon tea*
- 3.15pm **Demonstration of MDS database for new divisions**
Belinda will take division staff who are yet to commence their projects through the MDS database. There may also be the opportunity to view the local evaluation database developed by North East Valley.
- 4.00pm *Close*