

RIC update

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Ongoing issues for RIC at 1/7/05

- Developing new funding formula
- Recognising and improving performance
- Developing an information strategy
- Improving structural efficiency
- Supporting accreditation for divisions
- Increasing DoHA's understanding of divisions

- Accreditation

- 70 divisions accredited or registered at 30 June
- All divisions in Tasmania, SA, Victoria

- Workshops for DoHA Central office

- *Orientation to Divisions* workshop 27 June

Continuing Working Groups

- Funding Formula (FFWG)
- Improving structural efficiency (SEWG)
- Recognising and improving performance (PWG)
- Data Management (to be established)

FFWG members

Lisa McGlynn (Chair)

Kate Carnell

Chris Carter

Shane Dawson

Phil Edmondson

Keith Fletcher

Ian Landreth

Michael Moore

Bill Newton

Steve Sant

Dr Arn Sprogis

Andrew Waters

Helena Williams

John Glover

Catherine Ryan

Matthew Jackson

Vicki Murphy

DoHA

ADGP

Perth and Hills, WA

Top End, NT

GP North, Tasmania

Murrumbidgee, NSW

Sunshine Coast, QLD

Central Sydney, NSW

GPDV

Central Bayside, Victoria

Hunter Urban, NSW

Kimberley, WA

Adelaide Southern, SA

PHIDU, U of Adelaide

Director, Divisions Development, DoHA

Director, Divisions Management, DoHA

DoHA State Manager, Queensland



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Funding Formula Reference Group

- Jenny Beange Dubbo Plains, NSW
- Kathy Bell SBO NT
- Brenton Chappell Adelaide Hills, SA
- Darren Carr Hawkesbury, NSW
- Andrew Dalley Illawarra, NSW
- Ian Dobbie Barossa, SA
- Matt Hanrahan Central Coast, NSW
- Anne Maree Liddy QDGP
- Colin Roberts Inner Eastern Melbourne

Requirements of Funding Formula

- be straightforward with comprehensible rationale
- be implementable within existing funding levels;
- recognise the variety and diversity in divisions
- be based on relevant and up to date data
- achieve fair and reasonable relative funding levels
- reflect the business of divisions, including good organisational capacity and program support
- not inhibit amalgamation or other structural efficiency work where this is desirable
- considers the impact of increases and decreases in funding on individual divisions

FFWG process

- Consultant Rosemary Calder, Nova Public Policy, to
 - assist in the development of a new core funding formula
 - ensure that funding is distributed as fairly as possible between divisions.
- consultation
 - Divisions Network
 - DoHA central and state offices,
 - State health departments

FFWG schedule

- Met 1 July and 31 August
- Scoping report to RIC July 15
- Consultation
- Options paper to RIC September 23
- Consultation
- FFWG meeting 25 October
- Development of final report Oct - Nov
- Final report to RIC December 9

Structural Efficiency (SEWG)

- 7 meetings 18 Jan to 23 August
- 2 Checklists for use of boards
 - Stimulate thinking about structure and boundaries
- Strong links to FFWG work
 - Funding formula drives size
 - Possible recommended range for ideal size of divisions?

Size of divisions

- Define size
 - Number of people?
 - Number of practices?
 - Number of GPs?
 - Distance?
- Efficiency
 - Other boundaries: data collection, local government, health services,
 - Demography/geography: rural towns, natural barriers, flow of services, transport links

Performance Working Group

■ Aims

- encourage recognition of strong performance;
- foster continuous improvement;
- indicate eligibility for 'increased autonomy'
- facilitate support for underperformance

Performance Working Group (2)

- To address div performance in
 - Governance/organisational performance
 - Program outcomes
 - Meeting contractual requirements
 - Contribution to capacity of Divisions Network
- To advise on
 - Earned autonomy
 - Support for under performance
 - Performance & development funding pool

Performance Working Group (3)

- Reported to RIC 15 July
- Information Sheet in draft
- Next report to RIC 23 September
- Timing
 - Transition year 06-07
 - Trial use from late 2006
 - Not linked to increased autonomy or performance development pool

Data Management

- Primary Health Information Management Section
- Lorraine Anderson, Director
- Information strategy
 - Collection of data for report on PIs
 - Develop, review, adapt PIs – APHCRI, CGPIS
 - HIC data required for division PIs
- Data Management Working Group to be established

RIC meetings

- Next on 23 September



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