GPDV Quarterly Forum

20th May 2007

Draft Agenda

Workforce - supporting the divisions' role

Chair: Dr Rob Grenfell

Facilitator: Ms Kris Honey

Sunday 20th May, 2007
10.00 am to 1.00 pm
Registrations commence at 9.45am

To be held at

Arrow on Swanston
10th Floor
488 Swanston Street
Carlton 3053

Purpose

Workforce issues have been a constant theme in the divisions program, although, in the early years, workforce problems were seen as primarily rural. In 2004, when GPDV held a forum on the coming workforce crisis, there was growing recognition that outer metropolitan areas and the Western suburbs of Melbourne also experienced great difficulty in attracting an adequate supply of GPs. Since then there has been ever greater publicity given to problems of health workforce shortage (not just of a GP shortage) across the board and many strategies have been introduced to overcome the problems: overseas recruitment, introduction of the practice nurse program, increase in training numbers, focus on patient self-management.

The board of GPDV has decided to create a new position to provide a strategic statewide approach to workforce and, linked to that, GP education and training. It will analyse workforce issues from a statewide perspective to help in finding solutions for all Victorian divisions and will focus on the connection between GP education & training and solutions to workforce issues, including the broader leadership role in the Divisions Network at practice, divisional, state and national levels.

Target Group

This Forum is for Division Chairs, or other division board members. Divisions may also choose to send a CEO or other senior staff member. The forum is also very relevant to Regional Training Networks and Universities, DHS and state-funded health services.

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The purpose of this session will be to discuss broad approaches to addressing GP workforce shortage across the state and identify what divisions seek from GPDV at the state level in supporting and/or advocating for workforce policies and strategies.

9.45am	*Registration – Refreshments available*
10.00am	**Welcome** Dr Rob Grenfell – *Chair, GPDV*
10.05am	**Introduction** Bill Newton – *CEO, GPDV*
10.15 am	**Workforce trends & division responses** **Dr Catherine Joyce,** *Senior Research Fellow in the Department of General Practice, Monash University* What are the predicted trends in primary healthcare workforce? Are the present GP shortages likely to continue/improve/worsen? To what extent will the increasing practice nurse workforce solve primary health care workforce problems?
10.35 am	**Dr John McEncroe**, *Chair, Victorian Metropolitan Alliance & GPDV Board Member* What effect will current training arrangements have on workforce supply and demand in general practice? What are the consequent roles for divisions in practice support? What are the issues for advocacy?
10.55 am	Questions
11.10	**Morning tea**
11.30	**Small group discussion** What are the practice support implications for divisions in responding to the workforce and training matters raised in the presentations? How do we use teams to ensure that the most appropriate health professional is available for each given task? How should divisions work with the training networks ie what kind of relationship and for what purpose? What are the messages for advocacy at division and GPDV level?
12.15	**Plenary discussion** To include discussion of key areas for GPDV advocacy
12.45pm	**Hot Topic Discussion: AGPN's Governance Review.** The divisions' national peak body is consulting members about their model of governance. AGPN's consultation paper outlines proposals for the composition of the board and models for election to it.
1.00 pm	**Close, followed by lunch**

REGISTRATION FAXBACK

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The Forums are aimed at GPs, specifically Division Chairs, or other expert GPs associated with Division Boards. Divisions may also choose to send a CEO or other senior staff member. Other invitees may attend.

Registrations for Divisions Forums are for catering and organisational purposes.

Please register your attendance for the Forum by filling in this form and faxing back to **Eliza Sanneman on 03 9348.1375** or email to e.sanneman@gpdv.com.au by **5:00pm, Wednesday the 16th of May 2007**

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