



Deakin+ DHS Partnership: Public Health Forum Guidelines:

(Calendar Year: June 2008 to June 2009)

New Public Health Forum model:

After detailed discussion and review, the Public Health Forum Advisory Group proposed developing a new model to present Public Health Forums in the South West Region. The model aims to present forums widely across the region and use a community-building approach to develop topics in response to local needs. Its focus would be to give local areas ownership and control over topics as well as follow up on issues arising from the forums.

The model proposes to fund PCPs to organize one forum each per year in collaboration with the Deakin DHS Partnership coordinators. Barwon may be funded for two forums, based upon its size. The Public Forum Advisory Group proposed that the Deakin+DHS partnership fund four forums over the 2008 to 2009 calendar year. It was recommended that the partnership provide funding @ \$3000 per forum to be distributed as below per calendar year.

- Barwon Primary Care Partnership - 2 forums (\$6000)
- Southern Grampians-Glenelg Primary Care Partnership - 1 forum (\$3000)
- South west Primary Care Partnership - 1 forum (\$3000)

Partnership personnel indicated that they welcomed the co-badging of the forums with Primary Care Partnerships and provision of additional funding if available.

Advisory Group members outlined guiding principles for PCPs to use when deciding their topics, preferred speakers and moderators. These parameters include the following:

- A **choice** of a) a Public Health topic which coincides with the PCP priority health promotion topics or b) topics suggested by the Advisory Group (see below, page 2)
- Dynamic and well-presented information delivered in an accessible and interesting format
- An interactive process which would include questions and answers taken from the audience
- The target audience would be both the general public, as well as a broad spectrum of professional attendance and intersectoral groups

The PCP and partnership staff would act in collaboration to present the forums
See **Public Health Forum Funding and Support Form**

Public Health Forum Advisory group topics to consider for the year:

- Social Inclusion
- Climate Change with a Public Health perspective
- Continuity of care/ access to services
- Healthy ageing
- Physical activity/obesity/nutrition
- Primary prevention
- Economics and health
- Mental health
- Urban Development/ regeneration
- Health equity
- Indigenous health

Previous Health Forum topics:

2001:

Women and Addiction Ms Helen Barnacle, Prof Margaret Hamilton

2002:

The Weighting game: How are we shaping up?

Ms Thea O'Connor, Prof Boyd Swinburn

Family Violence: home grown terrorism and its consequences

Ms Wendy Bunston, Ms Deborah Walsh

Men's Business in family relationships Mr Chris Mackey, Dr Don Edgar

2003:

Working with Men effectively Mr Chris Grace

Bone Health, A Weighty Issue

Dr Shona Bass, Dr Robin Daly, Dr Julie Caley, Mr Peter Caley

Young Men on a Short Fuse (Portland) Mr Chris Grace

2004:

Word of Mouth: Effectiveness of Oral Health Promotion

Mr Mark Gussy, Ms Sandy Austin, Mr Paul Riordan

Everything happens for a Reason: Issues in peri natal depression

Prof Jeannette Milgrom, Ms Ingrid Ozols

Temper taming (Portland)

Ms Jan Mcleod, Ms Alison Lewis-Nicholson

Physical Activity and Nutrition

Dr Jan Garrard, Prof Boyd Swinburn

2005

Sexual Rehabilitation for people with a disability Dr Matthew Kwai-Sang Yau

2006

Thinking globally, Act locally. What can we do? Mr Tim Costello

Can Men Change Prof Bob Pease, Mr Pete French

Responding to Partner Violence: Specific roles for general practice?

Prof Gene Feder

Families, the Food industry and the Media Ms Rosemary Stanton

2007

Being an Adolescent Today

Prof Susan Savage, Ms Louise Mathews, Dr Ann Chirnside

Future Directions in Aboriginal Health Prof Ian Anderson

Beating the Stigma of Mental Illness Prof Patrick Corrigan