**Grampians Region Dementia Project Status report – 1 July 2012**

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| **Priority tasks** | **Key deliverables** | **Challenges/barriers** | **Assistance** |
| **Project update at Service Provider Meetings**  Conclusion of the consultation and scoping period of the project.  Key gaps and concerns identified during the consultation process shared. | Key gaps and issues provided at the three service provider meetings by management stage.  Information and recommendations to inform agency HACC diversity plans. | Ensuring representation from all agencies. | If agencies would like assistance during development of Diversity Plans please contact Carolyn Gargiulo. |
| **Formal pathways to diagnosis**  Consultations were held in June with the Ballarat Division of General Practice (BDDGP) and Dr Mark Yates and Alison Dalziel from CDAMS.  Attendance at carer support groups. Carers asked to complete a short survey on their diagnosis and support service experience.  Data to be collated and used to inform development of pathways, awareness raising strategies and training | BDDGP welcomes the group to explore the development of a dementia toolkit to be placed on the Grampians Region Medicare Locals website.  BDDGP will assist in dissemination of the AAV ‘Worried about your memory’ flyer and booklet to all clinics across the region.  Consumer pathway to be included in the Regional Resource directory | Accessing funding to progress the project | Meeting with Dept of Health Barwon South-West region project worker. Similar project identified in their region. Collaborative approach to be explored.  Dr Mark Yates willing to consult with the Division to clarify diagnostic pathways and requirements of CDAMS clinic |
| **Development of Regional Resource directory**  Work continues on the development of the directory.  Anticipated launch of the directory may be pushed back to Regional Best Practice forum in November.  Responsibility for document updates yet to be determined. | A working group was held on 22 June. Directory outline accepted and Section 1 & 2 reviewed.  A second meeting to be scheduled in July and to be held in Ballarat. | Low agency representation for working group.    Locating a venue that is suitable for all participants and keeps travel to a minimum.  Launch in September during Dementia Awareness Week may be unrealistic. | High agency representation to review document electronically.  Participants to review first complete draft of document which is to be circulated by July 31. |
| **Service mapping template**  Template was circulated to agencies across the region at the end of May. | Information from templates used during the development of the resource directory so that local information is contained within the document. | Low return of templates from agencies.  Lack of local information may impact on accuracy of document content. | Follow up email to be sent to agencies that are yet to complete the template. |
| **Training requirements to support agencies**  Meeting with the HACC Training Coordinator in June to discuss options for inclusion in the first half of 2013.  These include:   * Early signs and symptoms of dementia * Benefits and merits of early diagnosis * Advanced care planning   If we are to see visible increases in early diagnosis then training must target the early signs and symptoms of dementia and the benefits and merits of early diagnosis. | Community care workers and volunteers receive training that increases knowledge of early signs and symptoms of dementia and benefits and merits of early diagnosis.  Dementia Practice Guidelines to be released to HACC assessment services. Workshops and training for assessment staff to follow up the release of this document. | Cost and time of getting all community care and volunteer staff to attend.  Part time assessment officers may have difficulty in attending. | Further advice from advisory group members.  Should we explore the possibility of dementia champions in each organisation?  Or with the predicted increase in dementia should all staff receive training?  Should HACC assessment staff receive training on Advanced care planning or is this the domain of the GP. Should information sessions be undertaken instead? |
| **Dementia Awareness Week activities**  Regional Library partnerships. Initial investigation of the memory box loan scheme has been unsuccessful.  ‘Words on Wheels’ reminiscence kits are available for loan. Awaiting further information from Campaspe Library. | Meeting with Hepburn Shire Council Library Managers 6 July to discuss options for Dementia Awareness Week. | Limited resources across libraries. | Agencies to utilise local media to assist with promotion of activities and services that can assist people with dementia. |
| **Defining the Key Worker role**  Consultations were held in June with the Ballarat Division of General Practice (BDDGP) and Dr Mark Yates and Alison Dalziel from CDAMS.  Key worker role prominent discussion point during consultation period.  Various recommendations put forward which will be discussed with the Advisory Group. | Key worker role and responsibility determined.  Key dementia worker/s employed across the Grampians Region. | Adding the role to existing positions would increase existing work loads.  Key worker does not have skills and expertise. | Agenda item for July Advisory Group meeting to discuss possible options. |
| **Early onset dementia research**  Commenced research on early onset dementia and local services appropriate for people with early onset dementia. | Attendance in May at AAV Hawthorn Early onset dementia workshop. | Limited resources in some areas to provide age appropriate respite and activities | Further consultation and research to be undertaken. If you have an interest in this area, please contact Carolyn Gargiulo |
| **Development of Regional Toolkit**  Documents and information for inclusion in the toolkit currently being identified or developed. | Regional toolkit to agencies provides information and resources that assist agencies to raise awareness of dementia and AAV services, understand pathways to diagnosis assists agencies to support people post diagnosis. | Development of resources on time.  Information not disseminated to key staff within organisation. | Timely dissemination of information within organisation.  Uptake of training that supports dementia pathways. |