

SMR Consortium direct



Residential Aged Care Newsletter

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It has been one year since we last circulated a letter to the ACF's across the Southern Region. The Aged Care Project is still running - here are some updates.....

Palliative Approach Toolkit Training

Firstly a reminder..... The Palliative Approach Toolkit was developed by Queensland University and Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative as part of a National DOHA funded project, completed in 2010. The Toolkit using current evidence based resources provides a framework for ACF to implement a Palliative Approach. Last year DOHA provided further funding to QUT/BSPCC to 'roll out' the Toolkit to 1,000 ACF's across Australia. The Toolkit is currently being updated and new resources developed in readiness for the National Roll Out to commence in October, 2013.

Meanwhile SMRPCC and other Victorian Consortia were offered training on the Toolkit by Brisbane South Palliative Care Co-Operative prior to the National roll out. Why? Because the Consortia in Victoria received funding from the Victorian Department of Health to undertake projects supporting ACF's in a palliative approach and most felt it appropriate to use recently developed resources and promote consistency by embracing the Toolkit.

You can view the Toolkit and download documents from

<http://www.uq.edu.au/bluecare/the-palliative-approach-toolkit> (original resources)

SMRPCC and Toolkit Training

In September and October last year training was delivered to Managers and identified Palliative Care Link Nurses from 23 ACF's across the Southern Metropolitan Region. The training was very well received and has resulted in activities within many of the facilities towards supporting implementation of a Palliative Approach Framework.

The Good News!

We plan to offer a further round of training in October this year (2013), once again supported by BSPCC. Details are yet to be finalised but we are now calling for expressions of interest from facilities who would like to participate in this training

Participation requires:

- Commitment and support from Management
- Identification of senior staff within the facility who will undertake the role of Palliative Link Nurse, facilitating and influencing change to support implementation of a Palliative Approach.

2 Link Nurses per facility are recommended.

To express your interest in participating in the next round of training please email your name and contact details to tstorr@sepc.org.au ASAP.

We will be in touch with further details.

Palliative Care Online Training

Launched June 2013'

'Helping health professionals providing palliative care to aged persons in the community to implement the principles of the Guidelines in their practice.'

This project is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) and is developed jointly between SilverChain, AHHA, Just Health Consultants, e3Learning and the DeathTalker, Molly Carlile.

To participate, FREE of charge go to:

<http://www.palliativecareonline.com.au/>

This programme was developed to support the new Guidelines for a Palliative Approach in the Community Setting but much of the material is relevant to staff in RACF and is well worth a look!

Other items of interest

New Consortium Team Member

Stephenie Cook, Training Co-Ordinator



Stephenie Joined the SPRMCC in mid-March and is responsible for standardising our internal training processes and developing training and education opportunities for a variety of stakeholders in the Southern Metropolitan Region. Stephenie has extensive experience in developing and delivering education and training programs for health professionals and consumers and will be supporting training activities delivered as part of the Aged Care Project.

She is looking forward to working with RACF staff to ensure the SMRPCC training calendar includes opportunities that are relevant and meaningful for the variety of staff and health professionals delivering a palliative approach to care in RACFs across the region.

Don't miss this opportunity for your ACF Staff – places limited!

Program of Experience in a Palliative Approach (PEPA)

Workshop for people working in health & aged care sector

Where: Southern Region - *Brooklands*, Tanti Avenue, Mornington

When: Wednesday 21st August, 9-4pm

These *free* workshops, funded by the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing aim to improve health professionals' knowledge, skills and confidence in the palliative approach to care for people with a life-limiting illness.

Places are limited so if you would like to attend please forward an expression of interest to carol.pyke@health.vic.gov.au.

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