

## **NACA AGED CARE REFORM MONTHLY UPDATE**

**January 2017**

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### **NON-NACA COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS**

The NACA Aged Care Reform Secretariat represents the Alliance on the Aged Care Sector Committee and its sub-committees and advisory groups. We make every effort to consult with the Alliance where time frames and confidentiality requirements permit. We continue to report on these aged care reform initiatives that are not NACA auspiced yet are related to the Alliance's work and in which Alliance members are represented.

#### **Aged Care Sector Committee (Non-NACA committee)**

**Chair: Mr David Tune AO PSM**

The Aged Care Sector Committee (ACSC) did not meet in January. The communique from 2 December meeting is now available at <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/reform/aged-care-sector-committee/aged-care-sector-committee-communique-2-december-2016>

The next meeting of the ACSC is scheduled for 17 February 2017.

#### **ACSC Communications and Engagement Advisory Group (Non-NACA Advisory Group)**

**Chair: Judy Gregurke**

The Communications and Engagement Advisory Group did not meet in January.

#### **Aged Care Complaints Commissioner Consultative Committee (Non-NACA Advisory Group)**

The Consultative Committee did not meet in January.

### **NACA COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS**

#### **HOME CARE REFORMS ADVISORY GROUP**

**Chair: Paul Sadler**

The Home Care Reforms Advisory Group did not meet in January.

As outlined in the December 2016 report, changes to the application process to become an approved provider will commence from 27 February 2017.

A webinar will be held on 8 February between 2-4pm to provide advice to the sector on final steps to take to ensure they are prepared for the Increasing Choice measure. The webinar will focus on administrative activities in the lead up to the reform, planned communications to home care clients after 27 February and additional materials to support the sector with the changes. Webinar available from:

<http://livestream.education.gov.au/health/8february2017/>

For updates and information regarding the 27 February and the Increasing Choice measure go to: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/increasing-choice-in-home-care>. Resources for consumers including a new DL brochure on aged care service is available from <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/news-and-resources/consumer-resources>

The Advisory Group's next face-to-face meeting will be held in late March 2017.

## **COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CHSP) ADVISORY GROUP**

**Chair: Paul Sadler**

The CHSP Advisory Group did not meet in January. However, the Department of Health issued an update to members of the Group on 6 January 2017, which included information on:

### **Victorian HACC Transition to the CHSP**

Nine Regional Information Forums were conducted over November/December 2016 to service providers about the CHSP and new HACC program for younger people.

Sector Support and Development Activity Work Plans have been drafted for providers that transitioned from the Victorian HACC Program and were sent to 269 CHSP providers before Christmas. Providers and the Department will finalise and agree the content of these early in 2017.

The Statement of Intent between the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department was signed by the MAV and DHHS and forwarded to the Commonwealth Minister.

### **Growth Funding Round**

It is anticipated that the outcomes of the CHSP Growth Funding Round for 2016-17 to 2017-18 will be announced in early 2017.

### **CHSP Transport Forum**

A transport stakeholder workshop was held in Canberra in late 2016 to discuss some of the key issues raised by the community transport sector since the introduction of the CHSP. Issues included the current definition of community transport under the CHSP, reporting and outputs, potential future funding models, unit pricing and client contributions, supporting volunteer networks, issues with assessment and the value of community transport services in the aged care context.

Information gathered on the day is being considered in more detail by the Department in the context of both the CHSP and future reforms. Further engagement with the broader transport sector is anticipated in 2017.

### **Sector Support and Development Activities**

A 12-month funding extension for all existing CHSP sector support and development activities has been approved to 30 June 2018. This extension will ensure continuity of these activities to 30 June 2018 and will align the funding period for these activities with the funding for the direct service delivery components of the CHSP.

Grant Agreement Managers will be contacting respective impacted providers and further contact will be made in the first quarter of 2017 regarding the extension and contract variation for current CHSP sector support and development activities.

## **CHSP Manual Review & Update**

The Department has undertaken a review of the CHSP Manual to reflect changes arising from the roll out of CHSP, My Aged Care and Data Exchange and to provide clarification on some areas. This will be circulated to providers in the next month or so.

## **CHSP consumer booklet**

As reported in the December 2016 monthly update, feedback on a draft CHSP consumer booklet was requested by 20 January 2016.

On 18 January 2017, the Department of Health provided an update on two projects and has invited the consultants to engage with the Advisory Group in February, March and May 2017.:

### **1) Client Contribution Framework – Additional Guidance Material**

ACIL Allen Consulting has been engaged to develop and conduct a national survey of CHSP service providers and to produce additional guidance material that will assist the sector to implement the CHSP Client Contribution Framework. It is proposed that ACIL Allen Consulting will meet with the Advisory Group to discuss their project.

### **2) Wellness and Reablement Change Management Project**

Nous Group has now been engaged to manage a project to review the uptake of wellness and reablement approaches within the home care sector and to develop a change management strategy to assist with this. Service providers delivering home care services under the following Commonwealth-funded aged care programmes: CHSP; Home Care Packages; Transition Care; Short Term Restorative Care (STRC); and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care programmes will be in scope for this review. Consumers and their families, carers and advocates, intermediaries such as GPs and PHNs, assessor and the above-mentioned service providers will be consulted.

## **WA HACC Transition**

On 1 February Minister Wyatt announced that the Commonwealth would take responsibility for WA's HACC services and specialist disability services for older people transitioned to the Commonwealth Government. The Commonwealth will assume full funding, policy and operational responsibility for WA HACC from 1 July 2018 and specialist disability services for older people from 1 July 2019 – See more:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2017-wyatt008.htm?OpenDocument&yr=2017&mth=02>

## **THE AGED CARE GATEWAY ADVISORY GROUP**

### **Chair: Ian Yates**

The Gateway Advisory Group did not meet in January. The Department of Health has issued revised 2017 meeting dates for the Advisory Group so that meetings do not clash with Alliance meetings. The revised meeting dates are:

- Tuesday 14 February 2017 (joint workshop with Gateway Consultation Forum)
- Friday 19 May 2017
- Friday 11 August 2017
- Friday 17 November 2017

## **QUALITY ADVISORY GROUP**

**Chair: Kay Richards**

The Quality Advisory Group did not meet in January.

The Group is expected to meet in late February 2017.

## **Department of Health – Standards Technical Advisory Group (Non-NACA Advisory Group)**

The Standards Technical Advisory Group did not meet in January.

The draft standards consultation paper which was prepared for the Minister's consideration before public consultation in the first half of 2017.

## **QUALITY INDICATORS REFERENCE GROUP**

**Chair: Adrian Morgan**

The Reference Group did not meet in January.

## **Department of Health – Quality Indicators Technical Advisory Panel (Non-NACA)**

This panel did not meet in January.

## **Department of Health – Quality Indicators User Group (Non-NACA)**

This group is due to meet early in 2017.

## **NACA INTERNAL WORKING GROUPS**

### **RED TAPE REDUCTION WORKING GROUP**

**Chair: Adrian Morgan**

This group did not meet in January.

### **AGEING AND DISABILITY INTERFACE WORKING GROUP**

**Chair: Julie Heraghty / Deputy Chair: Sue Elderton**

This group did not meet in January.

An update on a meeting between the Chair and Secretariat with the Department of Health and Department of Social Services on the ageing and disability interface paper in December will be presented to the Alliance's February meeting.

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

**Chair: Melissa Coad**

Comments on the Final Draft of the NACA Aged Care Workforce paper are due on 10 February 2017 and it is expected that the endorsement draft is anticipated to be finalised by the February NACA meeting.

## **HOME CARE REFORMS INTERNAL WORKING GROUP**

**Chair: Heather Witham**

This group did not meet in January.

## **BLUE PRINT AND ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP**

**Co-Chairs: Nick Mersiades & Ian Yates**

This Group did not meet in January.

The Aged Care Legislated Reviewer, Mr David Tune AO PSM, advised he would be holding small consultation workshops as part of the Review in February and March 2017. The workshops are being held in all capital cities and three regional centres (Bendigo, Bundaberg and Port Augusta). Mr Tune advised that he would approach LASA, ACSA, COTA, the Guild, National Seniors, Carers Australia and a number of workforce organisations for nominations and include three sessions per city:

- Consumers and their carers with a lived experience of aged care particularly residential, home care packages and My Aged Care
- Workers within the aged care system
- Providers of residential or home care packages

## **QUALITY ACCREDITATION MARKEPLACE INTERNAL WORKING GROUP**

**Chair: Kay Richards**

The Working Group did not meet in January.

## **EQUITY OF ACCESS AND OUTCOMES INTERNAL WORKING GROUP**

**Co-Chair: Nina Bowes and James Beckford-Saunders**

The Working Group did not meet in January.

The Statement of Principles for ensuring equity of access and outcomes in the aged care system was endorsed by the Alliance on 20 January and will be available on the NACA website shortly.

The Working Group will meet next in mid- February 2017.

**Judy Gregurke, Corey Irlam and Jane Fewings**

**National Aged Care Alliance Aged Care Reform Secretariat**