



The Expansion of *Better Outcomes*

Dr Chris McAuliffe, GP Advisor

Consultation with Divisions

- Surveys
 - October 2003
 - July 2004
- Submission to *Better Outcomes* evaluation



Partnerships with Key Stakeholders

- Mental Health Council of Australia
- Royal Australian College of GPs
- Royal Australian & NZ College of Psychiatrists
- beyondblue
- Australian Psychological Society
- Rural Doctors Association of Australia\
- Australian Medical Association



Areas of Success

- Access to allied health
- Emphasis on quality practice
- Acknowledgement of role of general practice in mental health care
- Development of primary mental health training programs
- Peer support programs
- Relationship building with allied health
- Uptake by GPs and Divisions



Areas of Concern

- Claiming process for the SIP – review as the trigger
- Recalling well patients for long consults
- Access to training in some areas
- Allied health administrative requirements
- Workforce issues – GPs, allied health, Division staff
- Demand outstripping resources (AAH)
- Accreditation requirements
- Uncertainty re continuation
- Privacy issues



Areas of Development

- Expansion of allied health services
- Child and adolescent allied health services
- Indigenous allied health services
- Rural and remote allied health services
- AOD/MH co-morbidity
- Physical health care of mental health consumers
- Training for GPs in rural and remote areas

