

The power of the South Australian General Practice and State Health Memorandum of Understanding

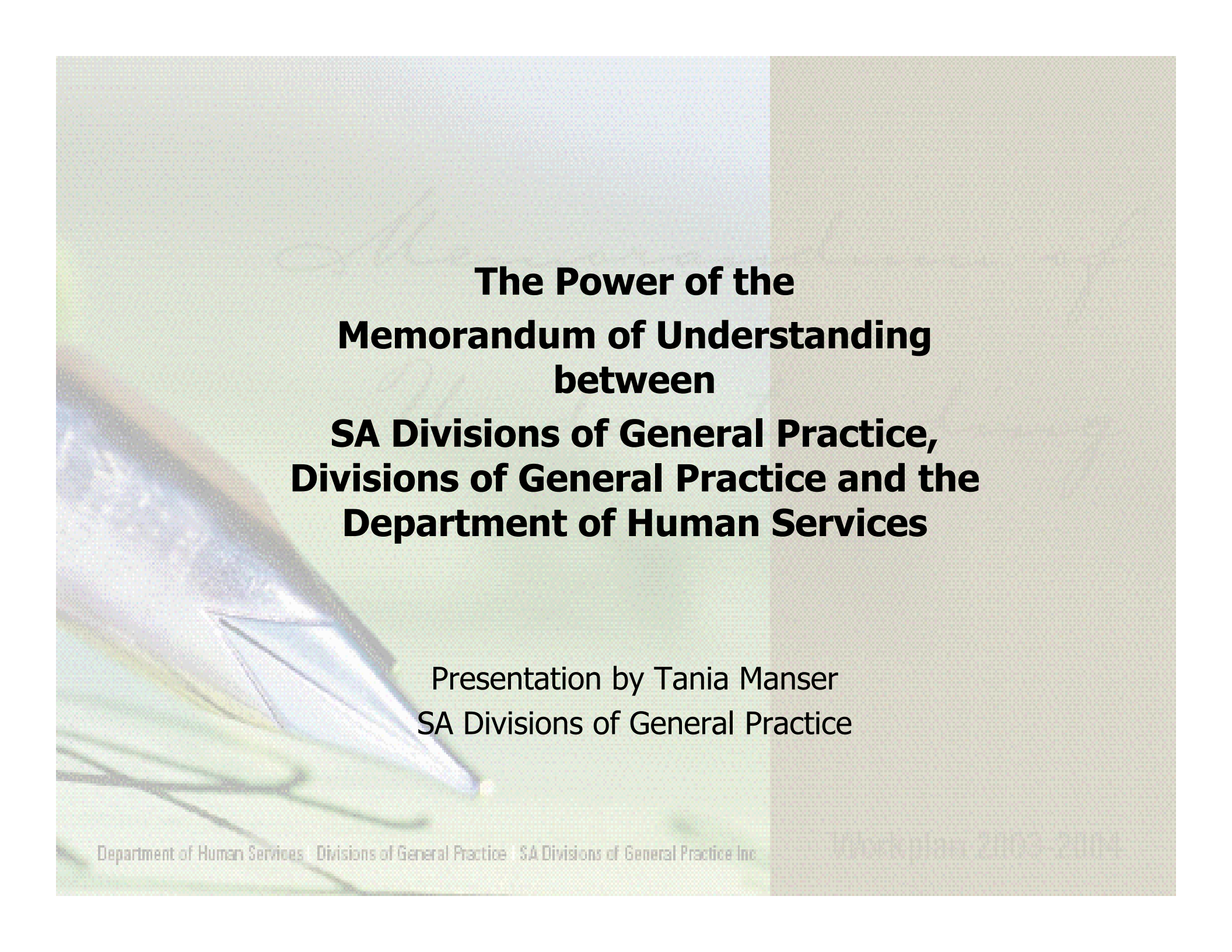
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**The Power of the
Memorandum of Understanding
between
SA Divisions of General Practice,
Divisions of General Practice and the
Department of Human Services**

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What is the MoU?

- The MoU outlines specific agreed principles and commitments for the DHS, SADI and Divisions of General Practice in South Australia.
- Its primary aim is to strengthen collaboration between all the signatories of the MoU and ultimately general practice.

What is the Workplan?

- The 'to do' list
 - Goal
 - Approach
 - Liaison officers
 - Stakeholders
 - Monitoring and reporting
 - Performance indicators

Four Themes of Workplan

- Integrated systems of care
- Population health
- Workforce support
- Policy and Strategy Development

How did it all happen?

- Preliminary discussions - October 2001
- Ministerial launch of MoU & workplan - July 2002
- Workplan monitoring group operational
- Negotiations for 2003 – 2004 Workplan - May 2003
- Workplan developed and published - October 2003

What is the power of the MoU?

- a profile for Divisions and SADI,
- sets requirements for DHS to work with Divisions,
- ensures a level of equity in negotiation with the 14 Divisions,
- sets out clear areas of need and priorities with outcomes,
- commitment for action particularly within the specified areas
- a secure context to work together

What have been the benefits?

- Positioning of general practice in reform agenda and strategy development
- Improved understanding of roles and responsibilities – marketing campaign of MoU within Department and Divisions
- Business relationship with level of respect
- Funding received from DHS

What happens now?

- New MoU under negotiation
- DHS - now South Australian Department of Health
- New Regions and regional workplans
- New signatories
- More power