



Queensland Divisions
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COMMUNIQUE

SBO / ADGP Coalition Meeting

22 September 2004 – Adelaide

Information Management Capacity

Following the meeting between Rob Wooding and senior members of the SBO/ADGP Coalition, the Coalition will re-draft the proposal to the Department of Health and Ageing for restoration of the Information Management capacity of the Divisions network in Australia. This will define the key outcomes to be delivered and the resourcing required.

The Coalition will develop a statement of purpose for what will be achieved through this resourcing. The Divisions network's role in new initiatives such as HealthConnect and Access to Broadband will also be included in this proposal which will be presented for endorsement by the Coalition at its next meeting in early November.

HealthConnect

The Coalition reiterated concerns regarding implementation plans for the HealthConnect initiative and agreed that a united position be put to DoHA at the HealthConnect meeting to be held on 23 September 2004. The development of a joint communique agreed by all parties from the Divisions network was seen as a priority following the HealthConnect meeting.

National Primary Health Care Policy Framework

Progress towards developing a national primary health care policy framework was discussed. Two papers were presented: one focused on primary health care and general practice; the other a position paper on developing the framework. It was agreed that further work was required to set the context for the framework, including why it is important to general practice, Divisions and other primary health care stakeholders.

Performance Framework for SBOs

The Coalition welcomed recent developments towards clearer and more relevant accountability mechanisms for SBOs through a well-defined performance framework. A draft performance framework for SBOs was tabled and will be further developed, including specific and measurable performance indicators and a resources overlay and finalised at the Coalition meeting in November.

It will form the basis of a submission to the Review Implementation Committee and, through the framework, will clearly enunciate the role, function and key performance indicators of SBOs.

Business Management Advisory Group

The Coalition supported the ongoing role of BMAG with strong recognition of this role being quite distinct from that of the Review Implementation Committee. The Coalition expressed concern that meetings of BMAG were currently on hold and reiterated the importance of BMAG in further developing the business relationship between the Divisions network and DoHA.

Support for WA

The Coalition expressed its strong support for the work by the WA Steering Group and ADGP to re-establish the WA SBO, and expressed its appreciation of the efforts made by two representatives from WA to attend the Coalition meeting.

Next Meeting

The next face-to-face meeting of the Coalition will be held on Thursday 4 November and Friday 5 November 2004 in Sydney.