

PO Box 1121
Bendigo Central
Victoria 3552
Phone: 5448 1624
Fax: 5448 1699
Email: blpcp@bchs.com.au

BLPCP Newsflash

NOVEMBER 2007

Postponed - Annual Partnership Forum and Meeting!

Do you have skills in planning events?

Would you be available to be on a Planning Group to develop the Annual Partnership Forum which will be held in the first half of 2008?

This would involve around 4 or 5 meetings in Bendigo over the next few months.

The aim of the Partnership Forum is to provide a day where our partner agencies can network and share ideas and projects that are able to demonstrate the success of working together. We also hope to launch the PCP Website at the Forum.

If you would be prepared to spare some time to help plan the Annual Partnership Forum, please contact the PCP Executive Officer Jeanette Grant on 5448 1600.

If you have listed the PCP Annual Partnership Forum for 16 November 2007 in your diary it can now be deleted. A number of other events and the closeness to the end of the working year has meant that this event will be postponed to the first half of 2008.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Lets Walk 2

PSST!! 2

Sexual Health 2
Resource

CAN Award 3

Infectious 3
Diseases
Clinic

White Ribbon 3
Day

Glove 3

Upcoming 4
Events &
Training

New eReferral Acknowledgement Process

At the end of October 2007, Connectingcare implemented a new eReferral Acknowledgement process. When you receive eReferrals through Connectingcare there is now a different way of responding to these eReferrals.

New Process:

The new process requires you to click on the link to connectingcare.com which is in the emailed referral. You use your log-in / password to do this. This will then advise the sender that you have received their e-referral.

User Guide

A new user guide and intake process document have been prepared to reflect these new changes.

You can download these documents by following these links:

- [How to Guide to Referral Intake](#)
- [Connectingcare User Guide 2007](#)

For further information please contact info@connectingcare.com

This is a very safe and confidential way of receiving referrals. You must have a Public Infrastructure Key (a CD provided by the Health Insurance Commission) to receive encrypted e-referrals. Details are available on www.hesa.com.au.

Please contact the PCP office if you require any assistance with obtaining your key.

Up Coming
Health
Promotion Sub
Committee
Meetings



Physical Activity
Consortium
21 November 2007
9am
Department of Plan-
ning and
Community
Development



Sexual Health
Task Group
7 November 2007
2.30pm
Wine Bank on
View



Mental Health &
Wellbeing Group
15 November 2007
3.00pm
Bendigo
Community Health
Services
– Central Site



Let's Walk – Training for Walking Leaders

The Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership funds have now been received from the 'Go for your life' Walk Together Grants, which are supported by the Victorian Government through the 'Go for your life' initiative. The Bendigo Loddon project has been named "Lets Walk".

Partners involved in the project include; Bendigo Community Health Services, Bendigo Regional Ethnic Communities Council, Boort District Hospital, City of Greater Bendigo, Inglewood and District Health Services, Loddon Neighborhood House, Sports Focus and Vision Australia.

An important component of this project is to deliver walk leader training to both paid and volunteer walk leaders and coordinators. The training will cover a range of topics such as; health benefits of walking, how to keep participants motivated, the role and qualities of the walk leader, general safety, risk management, volunteer rights and responsibilities, including people with a disability, and leadership skills. The group is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from organisations who have skills in providing such training.

If you are interested in conducting this training or attending the walk leader training please call the PCP office and chat to Leah Anderson (Ph: 5448 1682).

Update!

Partnerships in Safer Sex and Testing PSST!! Project.

In October, the Sexual Health Task Group accepted the role of the Reference Group for the Partnerships in Safer Sex and Testing Project (PSST!).

This is a new initiative between the PCP Sexual Health Task Group and Family Planning Victoria. It aims to support sustainable STIs prevention and treatment initiatives for young people aged between 15-24years by working with sexual health practitioners, clinicians and community workers to develop PCP agencies capacity, workforce development and change management. Young people will be consulted through focus groups to identify the sexual and reproductive health service information needs required by them and this information will be used by agencies when delivering preventative and treatment services.

The project, funded by DHS, will be undertaken between October 2007 and June 2008. The Bendigo Loddon PCP has employed a Project Officer, Leanne McFarlane, who will be the main point of contact for the project. Leanne will work with the FPV Project Managers and the Sexual Health Task Group to implement the project within the Bendigo Loddon catchment.

The PSST! Program Managers from FVP will provide information on the project at the next Sexual Health Task Group meeting being held on 7 November 2007 at the Wine Bank. The Program Managers will provide the members of the Sexual Health Task Group with an overview of this new program and answer any questions that the group may have in relation to this project. If you would be interested in attending to find out more about the project please contact Leanne on 5448 1600.

Updated Sexual Health Resource

The Sexual Health Services Guide has been updated and soon is to be reprinted! Congratulations to the Sexual Health Task Group and everyone that was involved in pulling it all together, particularly Adam at CAN. The reprinting of the guide has been funded by the School Focused Youth Service (SFYS) in the Loddon Shire and in the City of Greater Bendigo.

The Guide has a new look - A full-colour 8-panel fold out card which lists the existing sexual health services in the Bendigo Loddon catchment. 5000 cards will be distributed widely to service providers, students and young people in the catchment.

If you would like copies or can assist in distributing this guide please contact:
Adam Wright or Kylie O'Brien, CAN Victoria,
adamwright@can.org.au, kylieobrien@can.org.au or phone 5443 8355.

CAN Receives Annual State Award

CONGRATULATIONS to Adam and his team at Country Awareness Network Victoria (CAN) who was awarded with the People Living with HIV/AIDS Victoria's (PLWHA) Community Endeavor Award for 2007.

The Community Endeavor Award is presented to an individual, group or organisation in the community who through their endeavors has made a substantial and important contribution to the recognition and needs of HIV positive people.

Over the past few years CAN has become Central Victoria's leading health promotion and education service in relation to HIV, Sexually Transmissible Infections and Hepatitis C. CAN has worked closely with PLWHA to bring several projects and events to rural Victoria.

This award has provided CAN's passionate and dedicated members and volunteers with much deserved recognition for their tireless work in supporting rural Victorians living with HIV/AIDS.

Bendigo Health Infectious Diseases Clinic

Patients with infectious diseases will now be able to access treatment locally with the opening of Bendigo Health's Infectious Diseases Clinic.

The clinic will provide treatment and ongoing support for patients with infectious diseases including Hepatitis, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) and other complex infections requiring specialist treatment.

Contact Catina Eyres, Clinical Nurse Consultant on 5454 8422 for further information.



Show Your Support - Buy A White Ribbon in November.

White Ribbon Day (WRD) is a community awareness campaign focusing on the elimination of violence against women. On this day millions of people across the globe wear a white ribbon, which represents that they will not "commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and children".

White Ribbon Day will be formally opened by Cr Rod Fyffe and Senior Sergeant Grant Morris in Bendigo on Thursday 22 November 2007 at the Bendigo Library at 10.30am. A display will be in set up in the Library from 19-24 of November and will feature posters and information regarding WRD. White Ribbons will also be available at the Library.

GLOVE - Violence Against Women Forum

The City of Greater Bendigo and the Loddon Campaspe Centre Against Sexual Assault are participating in the 'Gender Local Governance and Violence Prevention' (GLOVE) research project. This project is funded by the Australian Research Council as a three year Linkage Project (2006-2008) between the University of Melbourne and the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (Vic Health).

As part of this project a Violence Against Women Forum is being conducted. The Forum will aim to develop local primary prevention strategies which can be implemented in partnership with local government, community agencies and the broader community.

Date: 23 November 2007

Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm

Venue: Reception Room, Bendigo Town Hall. Lyttleton Terrace. Bendigo

Cost: Free

RSVP: 16 November 2007

For more information: Mark Powell, City of Greater Bendigo. 5434 6000.

AIDS Awareness Week – November 24 to December 1

World AIDS Day is a global program of events and activities aimed at mobilising communities, corporations, governments and individuals to raise the profile of HIV/AIDS. It was created in response to the increasing global incidence of HIV and to advocate for the rights of people living with, and affected by HIV/AIDS.

This year's AIDS Awareness Campaign is:

'HIV/AIDS: PREVENTION IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS'

**Currently around 40 million people world wide live with HIV
It's estimated that over 5 million new infections occur annually
Since 2000, new infections have increased over 40% in Australia
There is no cure for HIV/AIDS**

CAN Victoria -

Country Awareness Network Victoria
34 Myers Street (P.O. Box 1149)
Bendigo VIC 3552

Adam Wright

Tel: 03 5443 2299

Email: adamwright@can.org.au

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles Training

This one day workshop is designed for individuals involved in promoting physical activities and healthy lifestyles, who are interested in increasing their understanding of health promotion principles and practice.

It is particularly relevant to walking groups, strength training or other types of physical activity instructors.

Date: 11 December 2007

Time: 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Venue: BRIT, Bendigo

Cost: \$84 (GST exempt)

Course Level: Introductory

Contact BRIT for further details and to obtain an enrolment form.

Freecall 1300 554 248

info@britafe.vic.edu.au

[Www.britafe.vic.edu.au](http://www.britafe.vic.edu.au)

WORKSHOP SUBMISSION WRITING SKILLS

Almost every Health and Community Service organisation is required to write submissions to secure funds from both government and private sources. Successful submission writing and tendering is not just about winning the tender, but winning it with a proposal that is realistic and achievable.

Date: 20 November 2007

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Venue: BRIT, Mundy Street, Bendigo

Cost: \$82 (GST exempt)

For More Information:

Student Services

23 Mundy Street, Bendigo

Email: info@britafe.vic.edu.au

Ph: 1300 554 248

Gain a Management qualification in 2008

Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT) is offering the

Diploma and Advanced Diplomas of Community Services Management

via flexible delivery to staff in the community services sector who are looking to further enhance their knowledge and skills in coordination and management to facilitate best practice in the workplace. Further information is available from:

Tim Ford Ph: 5434 1572 email: tford@britafe.vic.edu.au

If you would like to subscribe or unsubscribe to Newsflash please advise via email:
kerri-annblackwell@bchs.com.au

Primary Care Partnership
BENDIGO LODDON