

General Practice SA
Requests for GP and Network Representation



Lead Agency/Body/Program: SA Health

Representative Group: National Perinatal Depression Initiative Project Reference Group

Purpose: The Reference Group has been created to ensure coordination and partnership between Statewide perinatal infant Mental Health Services, Child Adolescent Mental Health Services, adult mental health services, the NGO sector and Divisions of General Practice for delivery of perinatal mental health services. This group will have responsibility for providing strategic advice and support to assist with implementation of the National Perinatal Depression Initiative in SA.

Participation requested: GP representative. Membership and draft Terms of Reference attached.

Role and Function:

- To provide advice and guidance in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the South Australian commitment to the National Perinatal Depression Initiative
- Provide advice on priorities for program development and service improvement of perinatal infant mental health services
- Assist in the development of coordinated statewide perinatal depression services
- Participate in and support a detailed mapping exercise for statewide perinatal and infant mental health services
- Participate in and support data collection for the purpose of meeting national reporting requirements
- Provide a mechanism through which to foster partnerships between the NGO sector, Divisions of General Practice and state mental health services in provision of perinatal care
- Share information with, and report back the views of, the organisations and groups they represent
- Participate in subcommittees/working parties as necessary

Meeting dates: Bimonthly meetings (last Thursday of the month, 11.00am to 12.30pm).

24 September 2009
26 November 2009
28 January 2010
25 March 2010
27 May 2010
29 July 2010
30 September 2010
25 November 2010

Compensation: Sitting fee as per SA Health policy at GPSA hourly rate (\$144 per hour)

Contact: Sally Sinor, Manager Statewide Services, Mental Health Operations, SA Health, p 08 8226 2997

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest or brief CV should be forwarded to General Practice SA by **9 September 2009** together with a letter of support from the Division.

Please email to Jenny Sadler at jenny.sadler@gpsa.org.au.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

National Perinatal Depression Initiative

Project Reference Group

BACKGROUND

Agreement was made at the Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council (AHMAC) meeting in March 2008 to collaborate on the development of a National Depression Initiative to improve the prevention and early detection of antenatal and postnatal depression, and to provide better care, support and treatment for expectant and new mothers experiencing perinatal depression.

State and Territory Governments will collaborate in the development of a national approach to perinatal depression and implementation of the National Perinatal Depression Initiative in individual jurisdictions in accordance with local needs and priorities.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Project Reference Group is to provide strategic advice to guide the implementation of the National Perinatal Depression Initiative within SA. The Project Reference Group will be a mechanism through which a statewide approach to perinatal depression can be developed, monitored and supported.

The Project Reference Group will also provide advice as needed to the Department of Health in the planning, implementation and evaluation of strategies for statewide Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Services in SA.

ROLE AND FUNCTION

The Project Reference Group will:

- Provide advice and guidance in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the South Australian commitment to the National Perinatal Depression Initiative:
 - Universal screening
 - Workforce training
 - Community awareness
 - Pathway development
 - NGO service provision
 - specific population approaches for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; Rural and Remote populations; Culturally and Linguistically Diverse groups
- Provide advice on priorities for program development and service improvement of perinatal infant mental health services
- Assist in the development of coordinated statewide perinatal depression services
- Participate in and support a detailed mapping exercise for statewide perinatal and infant mental health services
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- Provide a mechanism through which to foster partnerships between the NGO sector, Divisions of General Practice and state mental health services in provision of perinatal care
- Share information with, and report back the views of, the organisations and groups they represent
- Participate in subcommittees/working parties as necessary
- Maintain confidentiality where stipulated

MEMBERSHIP

- Central Northern Adelaide Health Service:
 - Lyell McEwin Health Service
- Southern Adelaide Health Service:
 - Adult Mental Health
 - CAMHS
- Children, Youth And Women's Health Service
 - Perinatal Infant Mental Health Services (Inpatient and Community)
 - Women's and Children's Hospital
 - Child and Family Health
 - CAMHS
 - Aboriginal Health
- Country Health SA
- GPSA
- Anglicare

MEETINGS

The Project Reference Group will be chaired by the Manager, Statewide Services, Mental Health Operations.

Meetings will occur bi-monthly. Executive support will be provided by the Mental Health Operations branch of the Department of Health.

Members are required to send a proxy if unable to attend. Advice must be provided to chair prior to the meeting.

REPORTING

The Project Reference Group will be accountable to the Mental Health Executive through the Director, Mental Health Policy and the Director, Mental Health Operations.