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QUARTERLY MEETING WITH COMMONWEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING, STATE OFFICE

COMMUNIQUÉ

Attended by: Ms Jan Feneley, State Manager, DoHA
Ms Fran Lovell, Assistant State Manager, DoHA
Mr Bruce Fleming, Program Manager Health Programs, DoHA
Dr Mike Beckoff, Chair, GPSA Board of Directors
Dr Cathy Sanders, Vice Chair, GPSA Board of Directors
Ms Gretchen Scinta, Chief Executive Officer, GPSA

1. **The Aged Care Access Initiative** will continue for another two years. GPSA had learned of this via AGPN prior to this meeting. DoHA will clarify the potential to carry over any under spend from the first year. The funding and contract specifications will be the same for the remaining two years.
2. There was discussion about **Indigenous Health** in relation to the new funding for chronic disease management. This work will cut across both the Primary Care and OATSI areas within DoHA. While there is not much detail at this stage, there has been discussion of a care coordination role for Divisions, and a CDSM component involving 100 Health Promotion Officers.
3. DoHA confirmed that the **Relocation Grants** for practices in outer metro areas of need still exist, ending in 2010. There is currently no decision whether they will continue beyond that point. Information is available on the DoHA website, along with the grant application.
4. GPSA raised concerns with the **Divisions Funding Formula** review and the impact to SA Divisions with a national realignment of existing funding. DoHA indicated that they anticipate a decision this month and that concerns about the matter should be directed through AGPN.

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