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# MENTAL HEALTH SHARED CARE COMMUNIQUÉ

Mental Health Shared Care Steering Committee Meeting  
Thursday, 23 July 2009 at GPSA  
Chair: Dr Mike Beckoff

## 1. Mental Health Shared Care End of Year Report

The end of year report highlighted the decrease in the number of referrals into the program in the last quarter. Discussion by the committee considered the high number of referrals the quarter preceding the last one and how a proportion of those clients are still being supported by the program, therefore indicating the program may be at capacity in some areas.

Staff retention and recruitment was also discussed and the committee was made aware that some participants have experienced delays in recruiting to the program and that this has a flow-on effect in terms of orientation.

The group also discussed the need to 'know early' about the potential for ongoing funding of the program post-July 2010.

## 2. Protocols for Mental Health Shared Care

Through consultation with the program participants it is evident that some participants are already utilising their own protocols that support clinical governance and this applies to the other mental health programs in divisions too.

GPSA is working to collate already-established protocols into a set of guidelines for the program. The steering committee supported this consolidated approach and GPSA is working through a consultation process with the program participants.

The clinical supervision guidelines are near completion and will be presented to DEN(SA) for consideration and endorsement. The recent restructure of GPSA was also discussed in relation to the new roles in the team and how these roles would be supporting the remaining pieces of work that need to be completed in the program.

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