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Immunisation and primary health networks

On behalf of the PHAA I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and pay my respects in particular to their elders, past and present.

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CONJECTURE

The Challenges of Primary Health Networks

- Ideological
- Bureaucracy delivering on government decisions
- Will not be a “transition” from Medicare Locals
- Influence on government
- The AML Alliance
 - An Immunisation Network.
 - Compare to Nursing in General Practice (Aust Practice Nurses Association)

Resolutions of Immunisation Conference 2014

Immediate issues

Resolution 1: Remove the \$7.00 GP Co-payment – especially for immunisation

Resolution 2: All of Life Immunisation Register

Reinforcing resolutions from the 2010 and-2012 Conference

Resolution 3: No-Fault Compensation Scheme for Adverse Events following Immunisation

Resolution 4: Funding and Incentive Payments for Immunisation Providers

Resolution 5: A Nationally Co-ordinated Effective Vaccine Safety System

Immunisation Practice, Data and Resources

Resolution 6: A Nationally Co-ordinated System for Engaging with Providers

Resolution 7: Catch up and follow up vaccination

Resolution 8: Reconsider the DTPa Schedule

Primary Health Care Conference Roadshow

Key themes:

- Australia has a fragmented health system characterised by service gaps and duplication;
- Are current activities reform or just reorganisation of the primary health care sector;
- There are significant lessons to be learned from both the Medicare Local and international experience;
- Population health planning needs to be at the centre of PHN activity;
- Evidence and research will be required to support effective PHNs;
- Emerging technologies offer new opportunities for effective and efficient service delivery
- Communication and consultation is key for a successful primary health care system
- Collaboration will be critical for the success of PHNs
- Commissioning should be a goal but skills need to be developed;
- The primary health sector needs to keep pace with growing and changing demand;
- Workforce and scope of practice are key issues for the new PHNs.

Primary Health Care Conference Roadshow

- Recommendation 1: Mechanisms For Sharing Information Must Be Part Of The PHN Model
- Recommendation 2: Bilateral Primary Health Care Agreements Must Be Progressed
- Recommendation 3: Stakeholders Must Be Represented On Boards Or Have The Ability To Advise Boards With Influence
- Recommendation 4: There Must Be A Clear Governance Model
- Recommendation 5: Undertake Joint Needs Assessment
- Recommendation 6: Develop Regional Planning Forums
- Recommendation 7: Utilise Community Needs Assessment Data
- Recommendation 8: Formalise Partnerships
- Recommendation 9: Allow An Establishment Period
- Recommendation 10: Continue Good Work Already Commenced By MLs
- Recommendation 11: Timely Responses Required To Address Service Gaps During The Transition Period
- Recommendation 12: Greater Investment In Primary Care

Disconnection & Cost Shifting

- “The Blame Game”
- Divisions
 - Effective build – Michael Wooldridge
- Medicare Locals
 - Loss of SBOs
 - Great disconnection
 - Cost shifting starts
 - Expectation – more delivered in Local Councils (Victoria)
- Primary Health Networks
 - Boundaries
 - Immunisation Coordination

But what about Immunisation in Primary Health Networks?

- What does the Minister say?
- What does the Department say?
 - Compare to “Nurses in General Practice”
- What about the States and Territories?
- What should we be demanding?

What next?

- Advocacy
- Who are really key?
- Federal, State
- Other techniques – 10 steps
 - Step 1: Establishing a Sense of Urgency
 - Step 2: Creating the Guiding Coalition
 - Step 3: Developing and Maintaining Influential Relationships
 - Step 4: Developing a Change Vision
 - Step 5: Communicating the Vision for Buy-in
 - Step 6: Empowering Broad-based Action
 - Step 7: Being Opportunistic
 - Step 8: Generating Short-term Wins
 - Step 9: Never Letting Up
 - Step 10: Incorporating Changes into the Culture