

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING INITIATIVE (East Hume and Border)

2016 PRIORITIES

The Advance Care Planning Initiative (ACPI) is funded by Networking Health Victoria in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services (May 2015 – December 2016) to promote Advance Care Planning (ACP) by:

- Improving the understanding of agencies, individuals and communities across the East Hume and Border area regarding ACP
- Incorporating ACP throughout and beyond individual health service in a systematic and sustainable way
- Working together to build on, share and disseminate new and existing ACP knowledge and resources
- Encouraging a consistent approach to ACP across sectors and informed communities
- Working collaboratively to use linkages and pathways to ensure smooth transition of advance care plans as a component of usual care across services

(ACP Working Group and Consortium - Terms of Reference 2015/2016)

Scope: East Hume and Border catchments which include users of health services in Albury City, Alpine Shire, City of Wodonga, Indigo Shire, Mansfield Shire, Benalla Rural City, Rural City of Wangaratta, and Towong Shire.

Focus Areas

1. Community Awareness
2. Inter-professional Education
3. Resources
4. Policies and Procedures

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Focus Area	Priority Actions	Partners
Community Awareness	<p>Initiate and support community and volunteer driven ACP events through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACP Forums – general community, target groups • ‘Taking ACP to the Community’ volunteer project • ‘Dying to Know’ ACP events in small rural communities • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community groups • ACP Working Group professionals providing information sessions • Monitor & evaluate ACPI activities – Most Significant Change process 	<p>Community Based ACP Groups Mercy Health, Alpine Health, volunteers Small rural health services & communities Aboriginal health workers and networks Community health groups All partners</p>
Inter-professional Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support extension of Respecting Patient Choices training i.e. Introduction to ACP online modules, train the trainer program, provide training in rural communities involving all health providers • Promote Australian Medical Association and Decision Assist ACP training for general practitioners (GPs) and clinical staff • Build sustainability into ACPI activities wherever possible 	<p>Northeast Health Wangaratta, health services, home and community care, Community Based ACP Groups GPs, practice nurses, medical training institutions All partners</p>
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and improve Central Hume Primary Care Partnership ACP webpages • Develop regional ACP resources e.g. ACP At A Glance, brochure • Lawyer’s ACP Kit – develop, pilot test, distribute • Develop a Rural ACP Guide using ACPI activities and data 	<p>Consumers, health professionals, Central Hume Primary Care Partnership Legal professionals ACPI partners</p>
Policies and Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support health providers to improve ACP policies and procedures in keeping with the Department of Health and Human Services ACP Strategy (2014-2018) i.e. ACP registers, admission procedures, alerts, pathways, inclusion in position descriptions, quality assurance processes and mortality reviews • Improve access to ACP in emergencies at home • Advocate for state and federal systems changes to improve ACP 	<p>Health services, Department of Health and Human Services, Networking Health Victoria, health professionals Ambulance, community Members of Parliament – State/Federal</p>