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### **HACC Transition: “Thank You, ADHC” and “Welcome, DoHA” at next Regional Forum- be there on 6<sup>th</sup> July!**

1 July 2011 marks the start of a series of important changes to the HACC program for older people.

At the next Regional Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> July, we will take time out to thank ADHC for the work they've done in developing the HACC sector and administering such a complex program.

At the same time, we will meet and greet some members of the Aged Care Branch of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA). This will be a great time for community care providers, forum convenors and other HACC sector development workers in Western Sydney to put names to faces, and express appreciation for support received (past, present and future).

The changes will be in stages and we expect to be working with both ADHC and DoHA, as required, during the transition. Mark the date, here are the details --

### **Western Sydney Regional Community Care Forum Wednesday, 6 July 2011**

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (with light lunch)  
The Hills Shire Council Function Room,  
Cnr. Carrington and Showground Rds. Castle Hill

#### **Features**

##### ***Welcome Remarks***

Mary Waterford  
WSCF Executive Officer

##### ***“ADHC Role in HACC: Past, Present and Future”***

Chris Chippendale  
Executive Director Community Care (DFCS-ADHC)  
-and-  
Steven Gal  
Director Community Care (DFCS-ADHC)

## **Response**

ADHC Metro North Regional Director's Office (tbc)

## **Presentation/ Meet-and-greet**

Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) NSW & ACT State Office-Aged Care Branch

- Sandra Withers
- Megan Edwards
- Alberto Castillo

**Rsvp** : By Friday 1 July (for catering ). Please follow the link at -- <http://www.wscf.org.au/>

A pdf copy of the Programme is available at -

<http://www.wscf.org.au/uploads/2011uploads/HACC/WS%20Regional%20CC%20Forum%20invite-%206%20July%202011.pdf>

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## **Submission on PCEHR**

Much thanks to HACC Forum attendees in The Hills and Blacktown, as well as from the CP Personal Care-Domestic Assistance Clearinghouse, who provided great feedback on the Commonwealth initiative **Personally Controlled E-Health Record (PCEHR)**. There wasn't much time, but we were able to collate the feedback we received in a letter and have submitted it to the appropriate office in Canberra.

The submission was in response to the call for feedback on the PCEHR Draft Concept of Operations paper published at the [www.yourhealth.gov.au](http://www.yourhealth.gov.au) website. We looked into the proposed features of PCEHR, its potential to enhance co-ordination between Health clinicians and aged Community Care, some perceived barriers to usage, and how aged Community Care could add value to its use.

Starting 1 July 2012, all Australians will be given the option to sign up for a PCEHR.

To view our submission, click on -

<http://www.wscf.org.au/uploads/2011uploads/HACC/PCEHR%20submission%20May%202011.pdf>

To view PCEHR Draft Concept of Operations Paper, go to--

[http://www.yourhealth.gov.au/internet/yourhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/BF7408CBFD501CBBCA25786F0039863E/\\$File/Draft%20Concept%20of%20Operations.pdf](http://www.yourhealth.gov.au/internet/yourhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/BF7408CBFD501CBBCA25786F0039863E/$File/Draft%20Concept%20of%20Operations.pdf)

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## **“Working in Aged Community Care”: informing NSW high school career advisers on increased need for HACC/CC workers**

WSCF HACC DO Rocellita Lacsina recently had the opportunity to speak before NSW high school career advisers, on training and career options for students wishing to work in aged community care.

The “Emerging Careers in Health” Info and Expo Day was held at Westmead Hospital on 30th May 2011 and was jointly organized by NSW Department of Education and Communities, Centre for Health Innovation and Partnership (CHIP) and Clinical Education and Training Institute (CETI).

*It is estimated that more than 8,000 jobs will be available in the disability and community care sector in Western Sydney alone between now and 2015. Across NSW, the disability and community care sector is looking to recruit 40,000 people in the next five years. This is because the number of people using these services is expected to rise to 350,000-- National Disability Services NSW, The Australian 6 April 2011.*

We are all doing our share to develop, sustain and retain the HACC workforce into the future. There are resources on hand-- ADHC is currently finalizing a guide for developing local and regional workforce initiatives (watch this space). Meanwhile, to view some workforce statistics, training options and qualifications per HACC occupational title, click on Rocellita's presentation below --

<http://www.wscf.org.au/uploads/2011uploads/HACC/Working%20in%20CommCare-NSWHealthCareersMay2011.pdf>

## Updates from Christine

### HACC Food Services

A sub-committee of the Western Sydney Food Forum with the assistance of the HACC Dietitian, is reviewing the labelling and nutritional content of meals provided to Meals on Wheels services by some of our larger contractors. Labelling anomalies and deficits in nutritional content have been identified in some meals. Once we have gathered all the data, we will seek to meet with the contractors.

### Nepean Personal Care/Domestic Assistance Clearing House

Next meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at Carelink, Penrith. Waiting lists will be reviewed to remove duplication. A speaker from HS Net will discuss possibility of storing capacity/waiting list info centrally, with participants having web access to the data. For more info contact Manize 4728 4455 or Christine.

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## WSCF attending (and dancing for) “Equal Pay for Equal Work” 8<sup>th</sup> June Rally for SACS Workers

Western Sydney Community Forum will be closed on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30 a.m. to attend the “Equal Pay for Equal Work” rally at Hyde Park North in Sydney. We will catch the 11.00 a.m. train from Parramatta that links with Mountains & Western Sydney participants—join us!

Here’s a note from Australian Services Union on the significance of the event --

“It’s less than a week TO OUR RALLY ON June 8th. Less than a month ago FWA (Fair Work Australia) agreed that disability and community workers are underpaid. Despite having won the legal and moral arguments, despite everyone agreeing that we are underpaid, we have not yet been awarded any pay increase. As nice as the affirmation of that decision is - it does not address the problem .

Very soon, FWA will decide on what type of increase in pay we are entitled to, and what they decide will be influenced by what governments have to say.

**To date, not one government has agreed that we are entitled to get exactly what Queensland workers have already won in their equal pay case. It’s time for government to put their money where their mouth is.**

Please take a moment to watch this campaign update:

<http://youtu.be/D3EQGWHw05E>

On June the 8th we MUST send a message to government - it’s time to pay up.”

Sally McManus,  
Branch Secretary  
Australian Services Union  
NSW & ACT (Services) Branch

### P.S. Dance for Equal Pay!

“When we rally on June 8th we need to set the streets alight! So this June 8th many of us are going to dance along the street. Click [here](#) to view the YouTube training video and make sure that you and your colleagues are ready!”

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## Welcome, Cumberland Prospect’s new MAP worker

We warmly welcome Desiree Boughtwood, the new HACC Multicultural Access Project Officer for Cumberland Prospect. Desiree has started attending HACC/CC Forums. This is an important project and we look forward to working with Desiree.

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## Reminder:

### Workshop - Introduction “How to select a software (Client Management System) for your service” - Disability & HACC

“Are you looking for a software (Client Management System) for your service? If so, this workshop is to give you more of an idea on how to select software and enable service providers to have an effective management system, that will also meet funding obligations with funders, including MDS report. We have a facilitator, Rebecca French, who is a Researcher and a consultant of Records & Information Management for non-profit organisations in Victoria.

DATE: Tuesday, 28th of June 2011

Duration: 3 hours

Morning session 9:30am-12:30pm

Afternoon session 1:30pm-4:30pm

Venue:

Aged & Community Services Association of NSW & ACT

Level 3, 9 Blaxland Road, Rhodes NSW 2138

This is a free workshop for HACC/Disability funded service providers. Please note, this workshop does not recommend any software programs.”

Queries to: Kazu Imai

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