

The Better Practice Project

enhancing independence at home and in the community

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Information Sheet 2

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The Better Practice Project aims to strengthen the capability of the Home and Community Care (HACC) sector to adopt sustainable evidence-based innovation and better practices that result in improved client outcomes. The project has four key components.

1 Mapping innovation and better practice initiative

Jan - June 2010

Alt Beatty Consulting has been engaged by the Department to lead the mapping initiative. As a first step, they are looking for examples of HACC services that are applying better practices and getting results. This is an opportunity to showcase your work. All regions and service providers, large and small, are encouraged to respond to the call for nominations which is being broadcast via the portal and the Department's website. Alt Beatty will be producing

- a reference guide to innovation and better practice in HACC in NSW; and
- a project report which identifies enablers and barriers to innovation and better practice

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2 Awareness-raising education program

Aug - Oct 2010

The aim is to promote thinking and discussion about how we can move towards a person-centred, strengths-based, enabling approach to service delivery and to identify practical support materials that can assist people and organisations interested in making the cultural shift. This component of *The Better Practice Project* is currently being scoped.

3 Regional demonstration projects

to commence April/May/June 2010

Demonstration projects in the Northern, Hunter, Metro North and Metro South regions are in varying stages of development and are expected to commence in April, May or June 2010. These projects are building on the growing evidence that with early short-term multi-disciplinary intervention, selected frail older adults who have a willingness to participate and the capability of improving functioning, can improve functioning, wellbeing, and social connectedness, thereby enhancing their independence at home and in the community.



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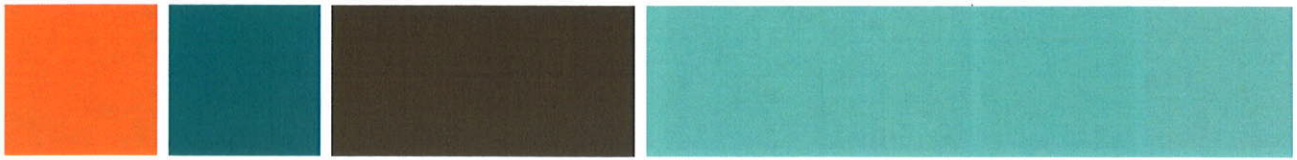


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4 Project evaluation

commenced January 2010

Evaluation specialists have been engaged to develop, in consultation with the participating regions and service providers, an evaluation framework and strategy for evaluating the results of the regional demonstration projects, as well as the education program and mapping initiative.