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Health Advisory Council

To:
Hon Peter Malinauskas MLC
Minister for Health
Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse


This annual report is presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the *Health Care Act 2008* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Whyalla Hospital and Health Services Health Advisory Council by:

Sandra Plew

Presiding Member

Signature  _____ Date 21/9/17

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Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

Agency purpose or role

The Health Advisory Council was established by the then Minister for Health and Ageing to undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community and to provide advice in relation to health matters, amongst other functions.

The constitution is available at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/Whyalla

Objectives

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Legislation administered by the agency

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Organisation of the agency

Health Advisory Councils in country South Australia undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community. The Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc. (Governing Council) acts as an 'umbrella body' for other Health Advisory Councils, providing advice from a whole of country perspective.

Regional Presiding Member representatives also come together as the Presiding Members Panel to facilitate communication exchange between the local Health Advisory Councils and the Governing Council.

Membership of the Health Advisory Council can include:

- Up to eight community members
- Nominee of Local Government
- A local Member of Parliament or their nominee
- A medical practitioner member
- A worker from Country Health SA Local Health Network

A list of current members is available at:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/Whyalla

Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc.

Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc. (Governing Council)

Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council

Leigh Creek Health Services Health Advisory Council

Port Augusta, Roxby Downs, Woomera Health Advisory Council

Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council

Employment opportunity programs

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Agency performance management and development systems

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs of the agency and their effectiveness

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Nil to report	0

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Health Advisory Councils have specific functions and powers as defined in the *Health Care Act 2008* and the Constitution (for incorporated Health Advisory Councils or Rules (for non-incorporated Health Advisory Councils), including actions that cannot be undertaken without the approval of the Minister.

Health Advisory Councils are instrumentalities of the Crown and subject to relevant Department of Treasury and Finance Treasurers Instructions.

The Constitutions / Rules identify the actions to be undertaken in the event of a conflict of interest. All declared conflicts of interest are reported to the Minister for Health through Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc.

Data for the past five years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/resources/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993*

Executive employment in the agency

The Health Advisory Committee consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Consultants	Purpose	Value
All consultancies below \$10,000 each Nil		0
Consultancies above \$10,000 each Nil		0
Total all consultancies Nil		0

Data for the past five years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/resources/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

See also <https://www.tenders.sa.gov.au/tenders/index.do> for a list of all external consultancies, including nature of work and value. See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

Financial performance of the agency

The following is a brief summary of the overall financial position of the agency. The information is unaudited. Full audited financial statements for 2016-17 are attached to this report.

As the Health Advisory Council is unincorporated, its assets and liabilities are included in the financial reports of Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc.

Other financial information

Nil to report.

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Nil to report.

Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Health Care Act 2008

Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions

- **Act as an advocate to promotion the interests of the community.**

Whyalla Health Advisory Council (HAC) members participated in the Regional Health Services Review, firstly by submission and as invited members to meet with the Parliamentary Delegation.

Planning a Community Engagement planning meeting for October 2017 to engage with a wide range of consumers from social groups, support networks, Nunyara, aged care and disability providers. This enables the participants to raise issues, suggestion and ideas on the provision of health services.

- **Provide advice about relevant aspect of the provision of health services, and relevant health issues, goals, priorities, plans and strategic initiatives.**

Whyalla HAC members participate in the Service Matters - Going the Extra Mile training of hospital staff from the various disciplines as consumer co-presenters.

Whyalla HAC members sit on the Flinders & Upper North Region Regional Standard 2 (Partnering with Consumers) Workgroup providing consumer input.

Members can raise issues via our bi-monthly meetings where we have access to senior management.

- **Encourage community participation in programs.**

Events and meeting in the community can be placed on our Whyalla HAC Facebook page.

Invite and encourage community members to become volunteers in the hospital and become involved in the various areas such as the cancer support centre and the Cancer Support Network.

HAC members assist with the co-facilitation of the Service Matters - Going the Extra Mile in-service training.

- **Consult with other bodies that are interested in the provision of health services.**

Several HAC members are members of the Whyalla Cancer Network, meeting once a month with various cancer support groups and offering support in the Cancer Resource Centre to cancer patients and their families.

An Information monthly newsletter is received from Health Consumer Alliance of South Australia. Consumers are invited to sit on Government and non-Government committees and provide feedback to issues raised in the newsletter.

- **Participate in consultation or assessment process associated with the selection of senior staff.**

A HAC representative was invited to sit and actively participate on the panel to determine the Regional Director of Nursing at the Whyalla Hospital.

- **Provide advice about the management of resources for health services; and provide assistance with fundraising activities**

At a Community Engagement planning meeting, a gap was identified regarding health information services and options for teens who discovered that they were pregnant. The Whyalla HAC investigated how this gap could be eliminated and a local face to face information service could be provided. SHINE SA were contacted and a program was devised for 10 Whyalla participants consisting of four Pharmacists, four School Counsellors, one representative from Nunyara and one representative from Whyalla Plaza Youth. The funding required for this Family Planning Support Training program was determined at \$600. This type of training would normally take place in Adelaide over two days at a cost of \$300 per participant. The Young People Pregnancy Options training will be given in Whyalla with funding sourced from Health in Our Hands. Health Advisory Council and Director of Nursing.

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not Applicable.

Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

Summary of complaints by subject

A whole of SA Health response is provided in the Department for Health and Ageing 2016-17 Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

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Complaint Outcomes

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