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# National Update for GPNSW - mental health program officers

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  - ATAPS expansion
    - Suicide prevention
    - T-CBT
    - Post natal depression
  - ATAPS review
  - Change management role for the network
  - Comorbidity coordinators
  - PMHC forum 2009?
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# Education and Training

## Better Access


- 115 workshops
- 1192 GPs, 93 psychs, 661 psychols, 136 SWs, 27 OTs, 114 MHNs, 727 others. Total 2950 participants
- Still negotiating with DoHA re underspend. Recommended level 1 and level 2 training and training for IMGs.

## MHPN

- Currently meeting with state project officers to discuss broader aims of the project
  - Implementation plan and role of divisions still not clear
  - Recently approached AGPN to open discussions around role of AGPN and divisions
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# ATAPS expansion

- Suicide prevention
    - Delay in APS training for AHP – DoHA currently outlining how divisions can commence service delivery earlier
    - AGPN negotiating contract to support divisions to deliver education session, information and opportunity to discuss referral pathways.
    - No intern psychologists to be used for this project
  - T-CBT
    - APS on-line training virtually completed
    - Commencement of service delivery
  - Post natal depression
    - Funding for Divisions ATAPS teams not expected to roll before January 2009.
    - Guidelines still being drafted
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## ATAPS Review

- DoHA currently undertaking a review of ATAPS
  - Looking at recommendations to re-align / re-target \$s to high needs population groups and areas - eg workforce shortages, R & R
  - Stakeholders reference group meeting on 5 Nov
  - Discussion paper and consultation process with network
  - Review outcomes due Feb 09 - for recommendations to budget estimates in March.
  - On -going, non-lapsing program funding beyond 2009
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## Change management role

- 0.5 FTE to work within the NPMHCN
  - Support divisions in ATAPS changes eg T-CBT, suicide prevention, perinatal depression, re-alignment to high needs populations
  - Capacity for skill enhancement workshops - (assessment of networks' needs)
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## Comorbidity Coordinators

- **Completion of Can-Do**
    - Mandy will finish off education and training accreditation and reporting for RACGP & ACRRM
  - **Comorbidity coordinators and grants program**
    - To build on Can Do in 2009-2010
    - Positions at AGPN & SBO level to link primary care with D&A sector & NGO's that have improved services measure programs.
    - Divisions' grants program will be administered through AGPN.
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## Forums

- ? Primary Mental Health Care conference mid May 2009.
- Unlikely to receive funding from DoHA - currently looking at private sponsorship
- Interest from divisions on a self funded basis?





## Other Mental Health bits and pieces

- MoU with Investment & Financial Services Association (IFSA) - signed 13 October. New working groups to revamp GP forms and reporting, consumer information, grievance procedures etc.
  - Continued advocacy for the continuation of Drought project
  - AGPN now housing email listserve for T-CBT, suicide prevention and general ATAPS
  - Headspace rolling out train the trainer for “Working with families and significant others”
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