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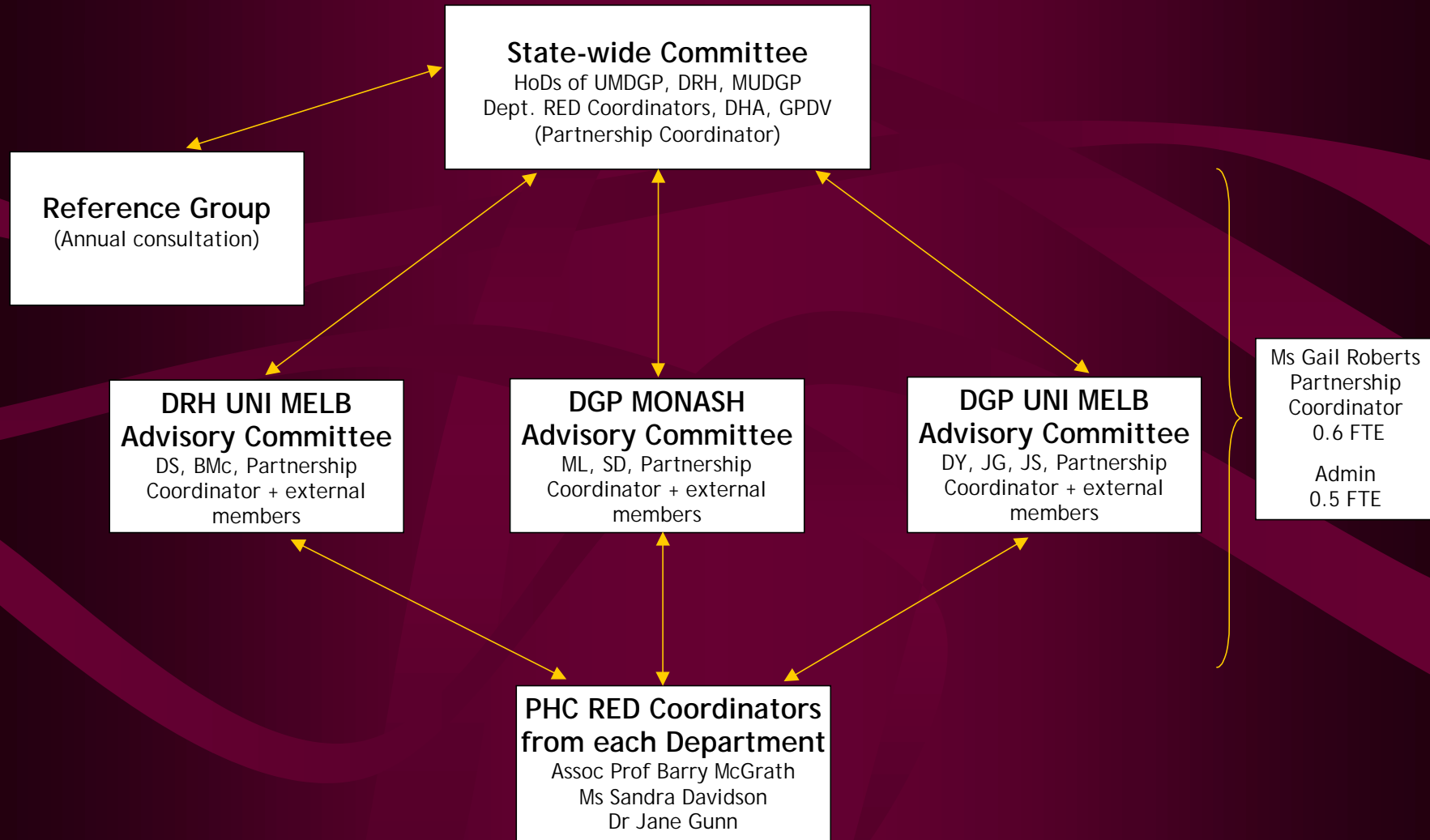
The Victorian PHC RED Partnership

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Structure

VPHC RED Partnership Structure



The Partnership Team

Planning meetings at
state and local levels

Experience,
Teamwork,
Coordination



Partnership Highlights 2002

- Formation - new geographical incentives
- Education Program
- Fellowships
- Building Collaboration

Partnership Issues 2002

- **Limitations – HR, \$\$, time**
- **Expectations - funder & stakeholder**
- **Sustainability**

Education Program

The Victorian PHCRED Partnership



Ph D

**Masters
by research**

PHC RED Fellowships

PHC RED short courses

Planning meetings at
state and local levels

Experience,
Teamwork,
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Recruitment strategies
state-wide and locally

Geography,
Frequency,
Participants' experience



Research seminars

Small groups
Interactive



Evaluation

Relevant

Innovative

Unique



Content of Program

- Basic statistics
- Qualitative data analysis
- Joint methodologies
- Managing data
- EBP



Sustainability

Budget

Credibility



Looking to the Future

New accommodation for
up to 66 people (Nov
2002) in Shepparton



Victorian Primary Health Care Fellowships

- Aim of the Fellowships
- How they are implemented?
- Who are they and what are they doing?

Aim & Structure

- Mid-level program
- 'Hands on' research experience
- One day a week for nine months
- 40+ enquiries, 17 formal applications
- 8 successful candidates
- Allocated supervisor

Who and What ?

- EBP and medical acupuncture
- Physical exercise among the elderly
- Identification of sexual health problems

Who and What

(continued)

- Medical informatics
- Support systems for patients with mental health problems
- GP liaison officer in a dual diagnosis service.

Collaboration

- Catalyst for action
 - Building on existing relationships
 - Forging new directions
- Dedicated staff time
- ‘Profile’ of a Partnership approach

Collaboration – a broad approach

- State Based Organisation
- Divisions of General Practice
- Community Health Centres
- University – other Departments, other Uni
- Koori Health
- Public health organisation
- Hospital

Collaboration – Partnership

- Hospitals & Division
 - Peninsula Integration Project (Monash)
 - Peninsula Hospital and Mornington Division
 - Testing models of integration
 - Evaluation support
 - Mercy Hospital for Women (Melbourne)
 - GP Liaison officer one day week
- Koori Health Partnerships (Shepparton)

Collaboration – NW Melbourne

- Building on existing relationship
 - Training and Research Working Group
 - MOUs with 2 Divisions
 - PHCRED staff initially
 - Successful projects – Asthma, 2 HARP
- NWCRN
 - Computerised network of practices
 - Form the core of broader research network

Summary

- Capacity building has been boosted by PHC RED \$\$
- Interest among PHC stakeholders & providers is growing
- Addressing the continuum of need essential
- Sustainability of PHC RED beyond 2004 is a crucial issue
- Partnerships are a smart way of working, but can take time to foster !
- A 'partnership' approach within DHA is required