International Health and Community Services Experts Flock to Melbourne for a Major 'Think Tank' on Client Care in Australia

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The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&H ISC), the national body representing skills development needs for the CS&H industries have gathered together world experts to assist Australia meet the ever-increasing demand on its health services.

"As the most rapidly growing and diverse industries in Australia, it is imperative that the Community Services and Health Industries embrace this opportunity to share knowledge and resources from world-leading experts and have a serious rethink about the benefits of uniting service delivery from both industries." Explains Dan Hill, Chairman, CS&H ISC

"The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council is the recgonised national advisory body on the skill and workforce development requirements of these industries, and we are responding to the needs of the community services and health industries to lead the implementation of a 'demand driven' approach to training delivery." Mr Hill said.

Day 1 plenary sessions are chaired by Dr. Norman Swan and presentations from the international contingent of experts include:

- Community Services and Health industries - working together to make a difference? - Professor Sir. George Castledine. Qualifying as a professional nurse before winning a scholarship to Oxford University to study for a degree in psychology, physiology and philosophy, Professor Castledine has spent his career focusing on the integration of theory and practice, as well as health and social care. Professor Castledine will provide the keynote address for the convention

- Innovation in the Integration of Health and Social Care in Care Homes for Older People: A new way forward in the UK, Dr Sara Nelson and David Smallacombe

- Nurse prescribing : just what the doctor ordered - Skills for Health (UK) Programme Manager Professor Helen Green.

- Bringing down the 'Berlin Wall' between health and social care - Professor Jon Glasby, Professor of Health and Social Care and Co-Director of the Health Services Management Centre, University of Birmingham, UK
• Volunteer Peer Support making a difference for Dementia Family Carers - Dr Georgina Charlesworth, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Dr Karen Burnell, Research Associate, North East London Foundation Trust / University College London.

• Giving Patients and Carers Credit - Charlette Middlemiss, a health service manager with a background in strategic and operational services, who currently works developing and supporting the NHS in Wales to implement workforce strategies aimed at modernising the workforce and improving care to patients explains.

The Convention, which will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (21 to 22 October 2009) will be opened by the Honourable Jacinta Allan, Minister for Regional and Rural Development, Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation and includes a keynote presentation by Christine Nixon, Chair of the Victorian Bushfire.

To arrange to speak with any of the international presenters contact Michelle Eunson on 0412 189 228

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