

# Strengthening and broadening ideas for independent practice in social work - A workshop



<b>WHEN</b>	<b>Wednesday 13 February</b> 6.00pm – 9.00pm Includes light refreshments	
<b>WHERE</b>	<b>Dementia Australia</b> 27 Conyngham Street, Glenside SA	
<b>COST</b>	\$100 Member \$150 Non Member	\$50 Student Member \$75 Student / New Grad
<b>CPD HOURS</b>	2.0	

Social work has a perspective and skill set that is well suited to helping individuals assess their needs, broker assistance and coordinate services. These skills can also be applied at an organisational level, and a systemic level, in particular to consider the new funding environments and the options presented.

We have a considerable potential pool of self-employed social workers in South Australia (1000 Mental Health Accredited Social Workers, other non AMHSWs and non-member social workers- about 2000). Most are working on their own, establishing their own networks and referral systems. What if social workers:

- moved in to the brokerage space
- analysed the funding environments together
- found ways of joining or collaborating together that were not costly,
- established networks amongst themselves for cross referral,
- applied for funding as a group or business entity or federation or mutual?

This workshop will help participants assess their personal readiness to start and operate on a business level. It will present the different funding sources and their broad requirements, then workshop options for broader thinking for individuals, for information sharing, for collaboration. Ethical practice in a business environment will also be considered.

## Meet the presenters

### Nevena Simic

Nevena Simic has worked in private practice as an AMHSW for over 4 years. Nevena became a passionate and strong advocate for social work as a profession. Nevena has knowledge about the Mental health, Aged care, NDIS reforms, PHN's, Better Access & some other insurance schemes and/or counselling but for the social workers opportunities. Nevena has the ability to grasp meaning of philosophy, politics, economy of our contemporary world and its history.

### Mary Hood

Mary Hood has worked in a private practice as an AMHSW for 10 plus years from 2006. Mary has presented "working as a social worker in private practice". Mary has also supervised SW students whose projects have been on the new funding arrangements and business models to access these.

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