

A Steering Committee has been established to oversee implementation of the Queensland Government's Response to the six recommendations in the BAC COI Report. The steering committee is chaired by Dr John Wakefield, Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health as the project sponsor with executive level representation from:

- Relevant Department of Health Divisions including Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch (MHAODB);
- Four Hospital and Health Services (HHS);
- Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC);
- Department of Education and Training (DET);
- Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS); and
- Two consumer and two carer representatives.

The Steering Committee had its first meeting on the 30 August, 2016. The Chair emphasised:

- the importance of the involvement of the other Departments on the steering committee for progressing the implementation of the Government response, the important active participation of consumer and carer representatives; and
- transparency of process within the in-confidence limitations of Government processes.

The Steering Committee was updated about progress of implementation of each recommendation to date. This included that a site options analysis is being undertaken to inform the Government of potential sites for the construction of a new bed based adolescent extended treatment and rehabilitation facility with an integrated educational/vocational training program (Recommendation 4).

- The site options analysis is considering:
 - Land Availability as part of an adolescent non-acute mental health facility, on or adjacent to, the campus of a general hospital in south-east Queensland
 - Access to adult mental health services and integrated youth mental health services
 - Access to transport – bus, train, airport
 - Access to community amenities e.g. accommodation

In addition, Melissa Fox, General Manager, Health Consumers Queensland (HCQ) gave a presentation to the Steering Committee about the importance of consumer and carer engagement. It was noted that the COI Implementation Team is working closely with HCQ to support the engagement and involvement of a wide range of consumers and carers in the implementation process.

The Steering Committee agreed to a Communiqué being made available following each steering committee meeting.

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for 6 October 2016. For further information see <http://health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth>