

The Fourth Steering Committee meeting chaired by Dr John Wakefield, Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health was held on 9 February 2017.

The Honourable Minister, Cameron Dick MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services attended the first part of the meeting which included a presentation by Consumer and Carer members of the Committee.

Through individual stories, the presentation highlighted the lived experiences of consumers and families and the complexities navigating various service systems when a young person has a severe and complex mental health issue. Consumer and carer representatives also provided the Committee with a “wish list” as follows:

- Development of a consumer-designed education and training package about the needs of young people with severe and complex mental health issues and their families
- Inclusion of Key Performance Indicators (for the new state-wide Adolescent Extended Treatment Facility - AETF) demonstrating integration with Department of Education
- A dedicated Youth Mental Health team in the Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch, including people with lived experience
- Consumer and carer inclusion in the Governance for the new state-wide AETF and consumer/carers participation embedded throughout the new services
- A joint funded (University and Queensland Health) Child and Adolescent Mental Health research position
- Improved recognition and understanding of carer roles and the embedding of collaboration between patients, clinicians, and carers
- Improved continuity of care and capability for the new state-wide AETF to manage acute care if necessary.

The Committee was also updated on progress of implementation of the Government response to date.

Recommendation 1

Engage an independent party by 30 September 2016 to review the progress of implementation of the Hunter Review with regard to the delivery of state-wide services. This review will be completed by 31 March 2017.

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) updated the Committee advising that a consultation report was provided to the Department of Health on 12 January 2017 summarising the 41 meetings and workshops conducted between October and December 2016 resulting in 105 individual engagements. The draft final report was provided to the Department of Health on 27 January 2017 with the Final Report due 31 March 2017.

Recommendation 2

Review the service agreement arrangements for all non-government organisations (NGO) providing health services. The review will be completed by June 2017.

The Department of Health has engaged Quality Innovation Performance Consulting Pty Ltd (QIP) to complete the review and deliver a report in April 2017. A Recommendation 2 Oversight Group met for the first time in January 2017 to review QIP's draft project plan and intersections with the other recommendations. Membership includes representatives from the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, the NGO sector and a consumer representative. The Department of Health is issuing a communiqué to currently funded NGOs about the review, and will facilitate introductions between QIP and a representative group of NGOs to provide input to inform QIP's review.

Recommendation 3

Commission the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research (QCMHR) to identify existing clinical and program evaluation frameworks for extended treatment for adolescents and young people with severe and complex mental health issues.

The QCMHR presented its initial findings about existing clinical and program evaluation frameworks for extended treatment for adolescents and young people with severe, persistent and complex mental health issues. The final report is due 17 March 2017 and will be integrated into the Model of Service - The Adolescent Extended Treatment Facility (Recommendation 4).

Recommendation 4

The Queensland Government will build a new bed-based treatment facility in south-east Queensland for young people with complex mental health issues, and ensure patients have access to an integrated education/vocational training program.

A detailed business case continues to be developed to deliver on the Government response to provide extended treatment, rehabilitation and integrated educational/vocational services. This has included a comprehensive, co-design processes to develop the model of service, facility concept design, staffing profiles, service costings, and a state-wide educational and vocational program.

Consumers, carers and Departmental and Hospital and Health Service (HHS) representatives with clinical and education expertise' are extensively involved in development of the business case that incorporates:

- An Adolescent Extended Treatment Facility (AETF) at The Prince Charles Hospital
- Two adolescent Step Up Step Down Units in north Brisbane and south Brisbane
- Two adolescent Day Programs in Logan and the Gold Coast.

Targeted consultation has included release of the AETF preliminary Model of Service document on the Queensland Government website www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth/model-of-service on 3 January 2017 inviting public comment until 17 February 2017.

Activities are on track for the Department of Education and Training and Department of Health to progress a joint submission for approval of the detailed business case and funding requirements by April 2017.

Recommendation 5

Engage an independent reviewer to review the alignment and transition arrangements between adolescent and adult mental health services. The Premier will provide the findings and recommendations to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) for consideration.

The Request For Offer (RFO) documentation is being finalised in consultation with strategic procurement advice and input from the probity advisor engaged for this procurement process. A forward procurement notice has been listed on the QTender website with an anticipated date for the release of the RFO. At the time of publishing this Communique the RFO has been released at:

www.hpw.qld.gov.au/qtenders/tender/display/tender-details.do?id=20201&action=display-tender-details

Recommendation 6

Undertake services mapping and review Guidelines for Collaboration between Queensland Health – Mental Health Services, Disability Services Queensland and Funded Disability Service Providers.

The service mapping is progressing through a data matching exercise to identify and profile children and young people under the age of 18 years with both an intellectual disability and mental health diagnosis.

A Reference Group to review the 'Guidelines for Collaboration between Queensland Health – Mental Health Services, Disability Services Queensland and Funded Disability Service Providers,' will meet in March 2017. Reference Group membership includes representatives from some HHSs along with other experts in the area of intellectual disability and mental health from Queensland and interstate.

Next meeting

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for 3 March 2017. For further information see www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth.