

The third Steering Committee meeting chaired by Dr John Wakefield, Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health was held on 18 November 2016.

The steering committee was updated on progress of implementation of the Government response to date.

Melissa Fox, General Manager, Health Consumers Queensland (HCQ) provided an update on consumer and carer engagement activities and support processes including the release of an online survey and dedicated web page.

The Committee agreed that the Carer/Consumer representatives will present a lived experience of a young person with severe and complex mental health issues and their families at the next Steering Committee meeting on 9 Feb 2017.

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) presented to the Steering Committee about work on recommendation 1. PwC advised consultation with key stakeholders commenced on 24 October 2016 and will conclude on 9 December 2016. Findings of the stakeholder consultation will be synthesised into the final report. PwC has also undertaken a literature review which was provided to the Department of Health on 1 November 2016.

Recommendation 2

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

Advice has been sought from the Human Services Quality Framework Team at the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) about work done to date by Queensland Government to map community service standards. Linkages between this work and recommendation 1 have been explored within the context of the broader sector environment. DCCSDS has also assisted with the identification of consultants with specialised knowledge and expertise in non-government organisation quality standards. Membership of the oversight group for implementation of this recommendation is being finalised.

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 Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research has been engaged and commenced work on identifying existing clinical and program evaluation frameworks for extended treatment for adolescents and young people with severe, persistent and complex mental health issues. A draft report will be made available to the Department of Health on 17 January 2017 and a final report on 17 March 2017.

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.

On the 13 October 2016, the Government announced that the new state-wide extended treatment and rehabilitation facility will be built at The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) campus in Brisbane. The Department of Health and the Department of Education and Training are jointly progressing development of a detailed business case to deliver the state-wide facility. The Department of Health also considered how the state-wide facility can complement other services across the continuum of care. Additional components to the business case include two new Step Up Step Down facilities and two Day Program services, as critical adjuncts to the bed-based facility.

External consultant Destravis, has been engaged to assist the development of the detailed business case and provided the Steering Committee with a presentation on work undertaken to date. Co-design processes have commenced with targeted consultation consisting of a series of three workshops about the development of a preliminary model of service and three workshops about the infrastructure for the state-wide facility, to inform the business case. This involves consumer, carer, clinical and education representatives.

The three model of service workshops led by the Department of Health have involved more than 30 people at each session. Further targeted stakeholder consultation will occur in November with diverse community groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Peoples and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse representatives. The preliminary model of service document will be released on the <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth> website by mid-December providing opportunity for public comment.

Destravis is leading consultation on infrastructure and held its first workshop for the state-wide facility on 4 November 2016 with more than 40 participants attending. Two further workshops are scheduled for 21 November and 5 December 2016. Additional infrastructure input will involve consultation with key stakeholders, including the local community.

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.

Specification documentation to inform potential consultants is being developed in consultation with the established Expert Panel. A meeting of the Expert Panel is scheduled for 22 November 2016 to make key decisions in relation to the engagement of the consultant. Strategic procurement advice is being sought.

Recommendation 6

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

Further consultation has occurred including a meeting with the National Disability Insurance Agency on 15 November 2016.

Next meeting

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for 9 February 2017. For further information see <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth>