

The sixth Steering Committee meeting chaired by Dr John Wakefield, Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health was held on 7 April 2017. The Committee was updated on progress of implementation of the Government response to date including the completion of the independent review for Recommendation 1.

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) provided the Final Report, incorporating stakeholder feedback to the Department on 22 March 2017. The Steering Committee discussed the Report, noting it will be important to be further consulted when the Department of Health is identifying how it will respond to and implement the recommendations of the Final Report.

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 draft report prepared by Quality Innovation Performance Consulting Pty Ltd has mapped National Standards, giving consideration to the intent of the standards, reporting requirements and methodology. The report identifies optimum standards for inclusion in a draft Service Agreement Framework. Feedback on the draft report is currently being collated for incorporation into the final report, due on 14 April 2017.

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 met with consumers and carers associated with the former BAC on 10 March 2017 to present their methodology and findings. The report is being updated to acknowledge some of the issues identified during the meeting and will be available shortly. The report will inform the next development of the Model of Service (“initial Model of Service”) for the state-wide Adolescent Extended Treatment Facility.

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.

The draft business case for the Adolescent Extended Treatment Facility (AETF) is being progressed through internal consultation and approval processes within the Department of Health and Education and Training.

The preliminary Model of Service for the AETF was released for feedback on the Queensland Government Youth Mental Health website in January 2017. A draft Thematic Analysis Report summarizing feedback from this consultation is now being revised following feedback from Committee members.

The next iteration of the Model of Service (“initial Model of Service”) will be informed by the findings from the Recommendation 3 report and the website consultation and is being externally reviewed in late April 2017. The external reviewer will provide a report in mid-May 2017 to inform further development of the Model of Service (“reviewed Model of Service”).

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.

Health Outcomes International has been engaged to review the alignment and transition arrangements between adolescent and adult mental health services and will commence in late April 2017. The first stage of the project involves a review of national and international literature on alignment and transition arrangements to identify best practice approaches.

Recommendation 6

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

A meeting involving representatives from Hospital and Health Services; Department of Health; Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services; Primary Health Network; Department of Education and Training; University; Service Providers; and Consumer and Carer representatives was held on 7 March 2017 to discuss the key issues in progressing this recommendation. Data from a service mapping exercise was also presented at this meeting. A paper with next steps is currently being developed.

Presentation by Health Consumers Queensland

Health Consumers Queensland (HCQ) presented results from the General Survey distributed by HCQ over the period October 2016 to February 2017. Overarching conclusions from the survey show that respondents felt:

- The involvement of family and a holistic approach to service delivery is essential in developing services for young people with severe and complex mental health issues.
- Integrated education is considered very important for inclusion in a new facility.
- A non-institutional feel and open spaces should be considered in the design process.
- Continued education and awareness of severe and complex youth mental health issues is important for all health professionals.
- Transition from youth to adult services is extremely important – a period of overlap between services is essential.
- Patient-centred approaches that take into account the development of each young person are vital.

Youth Mental Health Forums

Committee members also noted the series of Youth Mental Health Forums (YMHF) being hosted by the Department of Health in collaboration with Health Consumers Queensland and the Department of Education and Training from May to June 2017 across Queensland. The YMHFs will provide a broad range of stakeholders with an update of the implementation of the Government response and an opportunity to provide input into the future development of the range of services for adolescents and young people with severe and complex mental health issues. The committee members agreed to promote attendance at YMHFs in their local areas via the registration link:

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth/getinvolved>

Next meeting

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for 2 June 2017 prior to the final Youth Mental Health Forum occurring in Brisbane. For further information see

www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth