

Jacaranda Place Commissioning

Steering Committee Update – July 2020

Background

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CHQ HHS) is leading the commissioning of the new Queensland Adolescent Extended Treatment Centre (now known as *Jacaranda Place*), including development of operational processes, workforce recruitment, and ongoing service provision and facility management. This work is being directed by the Jacaranda Place Steering Committee, as part of the Youth Mental Health Program being progressed by the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch (MHAODB), Department of Health.

Activities to Date

- The Jacaranda Place Day Program commenced service provision on 20th April and the Adolescent Unit commenced service provision on 19th May. The Statewide Referral and Review Panel meets fortnightly to consider referrals to Jacaranda Place and, to date, there have been 17 referrals, 10 admissions, and 4 discharges.
- Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, the formal opening of Jacaranda Place has been placed on hold until further notice.
- Recruitment activities have completed with appointments made to all positions.
- Contracts and service agreements for food services, security, waste management, fire management, and pest control have now been finalised. The lease agreement between CHQ and Metro North HHS is in the process of being signed by both Hospital and Health Services.
- All furniture and fittings have now arrived at Jacaranda Place. Most of the art pieces have been installed; however, there are still some items outstanding, which were delayed due to social distancing restrictions. A mural is also being commissioned to inspire hope and recovery for current consumers of the Jacaranda Place services.
- The Model of Care/Operational Guidelines have been finalised and are now published on the CHQ HHS website.
- Jacaranda Place has won a Master Builders Award in the category of medical facility over \$20 million.

Coming Up

- Finalise the lease and licence agreements with Metro North HHS.
- Resume activities to formally open Jacaranda Place.

The next meeting of the Jacaranda Place Steering Committee will be held when a date for the formal opening is known.

For further information regarding Jacaranda Place, please contact the team on CHQ-CYMHS-AET@health.qld.gov.au

For further information regarding the broader Youth Mental Health Program, please contact the MHAODB on EDyouthmentalhealth@health.qld.gov.au

