

Youth Mental Health Program Oversight Committee

The third Oversight Committee meeting, chaired by Dr John Wakefield, Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health, was held on 1 May 2018. Members discussed progress of the Youth Mental Health Program to date.

For the new statewide **Adolescent Extended Treatment Facility (AETF)** at The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) campus, the schematic design has been finalised and early works on the expansion of an existing carpark at TPCH site, allowing for relocation of staff parking spaces from the site of the new facility, has commenced and is progressing within expected time frames. While the Model of Service (MOS) has been developed, it is proposed to hold a workshop in late May 2018 to translate this into a visual MOS highlighting key aspects from a consumer and carer perspective.

Design development has commenced for the two new Step Up Step Down Units in Brisbane north and south and Day Program design development is due to commence in late May 2018. This includes co-design consultation sessions to enable input of consumer and carer representatives. The procurement of the community support services to be delivered by non-government organisations for the three new SUSDU in Cairns, Brisbane north and south is being managed by the Department of Health to enable a single and consistent approach.

The Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch (MHAODB) met with Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research to discuss development of an evaluation framework for the new AETF. A Steering Committee and Working Groups including consumers and carers will be established to inform and support development of the evaluation framework, with anticipated delivery by December 2019.

A working group is being established to review and revise the Queensland Department of Health Guidelines "*Guideline for the transition of care for young people receiving mental health services*" including the development of strategies to promote uptake of transition processes and guidelines. The working group will include consumers and carers, Hospital and Health Services and MHAODB representatives.

The Committee also heard updates from key partners:

- The Department of Education (DoE) along with MHAODB and Destraavis co-facilitated an AETF youth co-design workshop in February 2018. DoE continues to investigate best-practice models for education and vocational training programs for adolescents with severe and complex mental health conditions to inform the education and vocational training program at the AETF, including delivering targeted consultation workshops and feedback opportunities to: the mental health stakeholder education group; students and teaching staff from current mental health education programs across Queensland; and health consumers and carers.
- The Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women is investigating new processes to improve the quality and purposefulness of the placement and support made available to children and young people requiring mental health support, including new commissioning processes for purchasing placement and support services.
- The Department of Community Services, Disabilities and Seniors provided an update including an overview of their new Departmental structure and the transition of disability services to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The next Committee meeting will be held in August 2018. For further information see <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth/>