

AET Centre Commissioning

Steering Committee Update – November 2018

Background

The new adolescent extended treatment (AET) centre, to be built on The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) campus in Brisbane, will extend the continuum of mental health service options available to adolescents with severe and complex mental health issues across the state. The aim of the new Statewide AET service is to deliver safe, high quality, integrated mental health services that promotes hope, dignity, recovery, and connectedness for consumers and their families.

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CHQ HHS) is leading the commissioning of this centre, including development of operational processes, workforce recruitment, and ongoing service provision and facility management. This work is being directed by the AET Centre Commissioning 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 AET Centre Commissioning Project Team:

- Attended a number of meetings with the appointed builder (ADCO) to review the design program, and specific items such as plant equipment requirements, facility access, fire engineering, and information and communication technology (ICT) requirements.
- Continued exploration of the operational aspects of commissioning, such as the provision of cleaning, food services, gardening, and security.
- Continued development of Operational Guidelines to cover model of care, the clinical program, facility management, security, workplace instructions, and more.
- Sought Committee input regarding the design of respectful storage for consumers' belongings; and the process to be undertaken to identify naming recommendations for the AET Centre, with intentional principles including stakeholder involvement, transparency, and sensitivity.

Coming Up

- Development of an AET Centre Commissioning Project Plan, which will be informed by the construction plan for the AET Centre and will incorporate the AET Workforce Plan.
- Ongoing development of operational service options and guidelines for the AET Centre. There will be opportunities for stakeholder contribution in this process through Working Groups.
- Preparation of collateral for recruitment activities, such as the collation of testimonials from staff.

The next meeting of the AET Facility Commissioning Steering Committee will be held on **23rd January 2019**.

For further information regarding the AET Centre Commissioning Project, please contact the Commissioning 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

