

The Steering Committee convened for its eighth and final meeting on 19 July 2017, chaired by Associate Professor John Allan, Executive Director, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch on behalf of Dr John Wakefield, Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division.

Steering Committee members were thanked for their expertise and commitment to collaboration which has enabled successful implementation of the Government response by 30 June 2017. Members provided feedback on the process as being a challenging but worthwhile experience that had produced good outcomes.

Dr John Allan noted that there was still more work to be done and gave a commitment to continuing the current successful approach to stakeholder engagement (particularly with consumers and carers) in moving into the next phase of implementation. Dr Allan provided a verbal summary of the outcomes of the current implementation phase along with transition to next phase to be led by Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch. This included tabling of Final Reports for recommendation 5 (independent review conducted by Health Outcomes International into the alignment and transition arrangements between adolescent and adult mental health services) and recommendation 6 (in relation to improving the co-ordination between services designed to support young people who have both an intellectual disability and mental illness) and endorsing their publication on the website.

The Steering Committee also endorsed a draft governance structure for the next phase of work for the new statewide Adolescent Extended Treatment Facility. To that end, the consumer/carers members proposed a process for naming the new Facility to be led by young people. This will be further discussed when the new arrangements are convened as part of the next phase of implementation.

Members noted that completion report and next steps program of work will be developed for consideration by Government later this year. This will recognise the importance of strong governance processes and commitment to ongoing stakeholder engagement, in particular consumers and carers, and transparency of information.

Health Consumers Queensland will circulate a video and written evaluation report of the consumer/carers stakeholder involvement in the implementation of the Government response to members. The Committee noted the Youth Mental Health Forums Thematic Analysis report on the twelve Forums conducted across Queensland during May-June 2017 which will be published on the website alongside a video of the Forum partners presenting at the Gold Coast Forum.

As a part of this final meeting's review and reflection, one of the carer members shared the following quote which insightfully captures a key element that has underpinned the important work undertaken by the Steering Committee.

*"No one has all the wisdom*

*Everyone has some of the wisdom*

*Everyone has a different piece"*

Mary Benet - McKinney (Sharing wisdom: A process for group decision making).

For further information and updates see: <http://health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth>.