

# AET Centre Commissioning

Steering Committee Update – July 2019

## Background

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CHQ HHS) is leading the commissioning of the new statewide Adolescent Extended Treatment (AET) 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 have:

- Updated the AETC operational budget, which will inform the workforce profile. This will be finalised once operational services are confirmed.
- Continued discussions with the builder and QH IT regarding the information and communications technology requirements for the AETC. Also reviewed hydraulic, electrical and hardware samples as part of construction.
- Continued work on training materials for consumers and carers who will be involved in AETC recruitment panels. There has been a good response to the Expression of Interest to participate on recruitment panels advertised by Health Consumers Queensland. A review of applications is now underway.
- Issued a Request for Quote for the naming of the AETC to suppliers on the Queensland Government Standing Offer Arrangement. This closes on the 30<sup>th</sup> July at which time a preferred supplier will be selected.
- Continued exploration of the operational aspects of commissioning, such as the provision of food services, gardening, and security. Proposals from CHQ and TPCH Food Services have now been received and are currently being reviewed. The Commissioning Project Team have noted consumer and carer feedback regarding the importance of food being of high nutritional standard.
- Consulted with consumer representatives about crockery selection for the AETC, taking into account aesthetics as well as safety.
- Continued development of an implementation plan for the AETC evaluation framework.
- Been advised by the MHAODB that the independent expert advice provided by Dr Paul Robertson, regarding the AET Model of Service and Workforce Profile, will be made available on the Youth Mental Health Program website in the very near future.

## Coming Up

- Review furniture, fittings and equipment for the AET Centre.
- Finalisation of operational service options for the AET Centre.
- Ongoing development of operational guidelines for the AET Centre.
- Develop recruitment documentation for AET Centre positions to be advertised.

Consumer and carer participation will be sought in each of these important activities.



The next meeting of the AET Centre Commissioning Steering Committee will be held on **28<sup>th</sup> August 2019**.

For further information regarding the AET Centre Commissioning Project, please contact the Commissioning Team on [CHQ-CYMHS-AET@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:CHQ-CYMHS-AET@health.qld.gov.au)

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