

## Youth Mental Health Program Oversight Committee

The eighth Oversight Committee meeting, chaired by Prof Keith McNeil, A/Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Queensland, Department of Health, was held on 21 November 2019. Committee members discussed progress of the Youth Mental Health Program to date.

Construction of the Statewide Adolescent Extended Treatment Centre (AETC) is on-track for completion in early 2020 with commencement of services to follow soon after.

The AETC Commissioning Project Team, led by Children's Health Queensland (CHQ) Hospital and Health Service (HHS) is progressing operational planning including appointment of two key AETC leadership positions, Dr Arun Pillai, Medical Director and Ms Emma Hart, Assistant Director of Nursing. Additionally, the Department of Education (DoE) has appointed Mr Ben Orford as AETC Head of Campus.

Ms Emma Hart and Mr Ben Orford from the AETC Leadership team presented to the committee on integrated activities undertaken to support service development and commissioning with a particular focus on the partnerships developed with consumers and carers to support this process. Consumer and carer representatives provided additional detail on the co-design work for commissioning of the AETC.

Roofing installation is now complete at both the Caboolture and Logan sites for the Youth Step Up Step Down (SUSD) facilities. Integrated service development activities continue between Metro North and Metro South HHSs and the non-government organisation for anticipated service commencement in early 2020.

Refurbishment work to establish the Gold Coast Adolescent Day Program is well underway for service commencement early 2020.

Following extensive consultation, three Models of Service (MOS) have been finalised by the Youth Mental Health Team - the Adolescent Extended Treatment MOS, Youth SUSD MOS and Adolescent Day Treatment MOS.

The Committee received updates from other key partners:

- Consumers and carers regarding continued collaborative work with Queensland Health to sustain ongoing co-design work, and review of progress against the consumer-carer wishlist.
- Department of Education regarding recruitment to new Mental Health Guidance Officer positions that are rolling out across each DoE Region with a statewide position to be based at the AETC.
- Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women regarding collaborative work with Queensland Health to support the Navigate Youth Health initiative.
- Primary Health Networks (PHN) regarding Brisbane North PHN commissioning activities to support establishment of a new *headspace* centre for Strathpine.

See the Youth Mental Health website <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth> for further updates including monthly photos showing construction progress. Another recent addition to the website is the revised Queensland Health Guideline '*Transition of care for young people accessing child and youth mental health services*'.

The next Committee meeting will be held in March 2020.