

AET Centre Commissioning

Steering Committee Update – January 2020

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:

- Appointed clinical nurse, registered nurse and nurse educator positions with many thanks to the consumer and carer representatives who participated on those recruitment panels. The Department of Education have also recruited to all of their teacher positions. Recruitment for the allied health positions has now commenced.
- Provided a short list of names for the AET Centre to the Director General and Minister for Health together with an indigenous name provided by the Brisbane northside elder.
- Facilitated a workshop with clinical, consumer and carer representatives to develop the AET Service Operational Guidelines. The first draft of the Guidelines is currently being finalised for circulation.
- Involved clinical, consumer and carer representatives in the selection of furniture and fittings for the Centre. This provided representatives an opportunity to test furniture and has enabled a selection of furniture that will be both welcoming and comfortable for consumers.
- Been advised that the AET Centre is now successfully connected to the Queensland Health network and Queensland Children's Hospital. This is a significant milestone for information technology at the Centre, ensuring it is functional for opening.
- Progressed contracts for food services, waste management, fire management, pest control and security services.
- Finalised development of an implementation plan for the AET service evaluation framework.

Coming Up

- Continue recruitment to AET Centre positions and finalise onboarding preparations.
- Finalise the procurement of furniture and fittings for the AET Centre.
- Finalise the AET Service Operational Guidelines.

The next meeting of the AET Centre Commissioning Steering Committee will be held on **19th February 2020**.

For further information regarding the AET Centre Commissioning Project, please contact the Commissioning Team on CHQ-CYMHS-AET@health.qld.gov.au

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