

AET Centre Commissioning

Steering Committee Update – September 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:

- Received endorsement from the MHAODB for the AET Centre operational budget and workforce profile. Recruitment of the broader AETC workforce will now commence.
- Agreed and finalised the information and communications technology approach between eHealth, Department of Health, and CHQ. A great outcome in terms of connectivity has been achieved for the AET Centre and its consumers.
- Delivered the first recruitment training session for consumers and carers on Monday 2nd September. This was well received and feedback from both attendees and CHQ staff, who delivered the training, has been extremely positive.
- Closed the procurement process for a supplier for the naming of the AET Centre. Strategic Momentum Group has been appointed and will now commence the naming process. An Expression of Interest will be sent out in the very near future to consumers, carers, families, and mental health staff to participate in workshops to be held in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Townsville.
- Submitted the final Auxiliary Services Options Paper to the Steering Committee, which was endorsed. The operational services agreed to will now be implemented.
- Conducted a workshop with consumer and carer representatives for selection of various items including vinyl wallpaper, access wristbands, linen, and fabrics for entrance seating.
- Continued development of an implementation plan for the AET service evaluation framework.

Coming Up

- Attend the International Mental Health Nursing Conference in Sydney to promote working at the AET Centre.
- Commence recruitment to AET Centre positions.
- Finalise the review of furniture, fittings and equipment for the AET Centre.
- Ongoing development of operational guidelines for the AET Centre.

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 **23rd October 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

