

**Recovery Colleges Expert Panel  
Meeting 3 – 27 April 2018  
Communique**

On Friday 27 April 2018 the Recovery College Expert Panel (Panel) met for their third meeting at the Mental Health Commission (MHC).

The Panel discussed a Briefing Note prepared by the Co-Chairs to assist in the proposed community consultation process to be used in the development of the draft Model of Service. The aim of the paper was to collate and provide a shared understanding of the material received from Panel members resulting from the action items from meeting two. The Co-Chairs acknowledged the diversity of the information received from the Panel members.

The Panel discussed the consultation process to be used in the development of the Model of Service and agreed that a survey will be developed and that a survey will be developed to obtain feedback from the community. The Panel also agreed upon the use of community grants to be made available to community organisations via the MHC to facilitate stakeholder and community forums. The grants are to be made available for organisations to apply for funding as per the standard MHC application process.

Dr Su-Ann Drew, Senior Program Officer (Research and Evaluation) from the MHC joined the Panel to discuss evaluation processes in the context of the development of the draft Model of Service. Dr Drew advised the Panel that it would assist the evaluation process if the objectives and long-term outcomes of the Model of Service are developed at the start of the process.

The Panel agreed to further develop the aim and principles of the Model of Service with the support of the MHC. These will be used as a key feature for the consultation process.

The Panel also discussed the remaining meeting dates required in the development of the draft Model of Service and an additional meeting was added to the schedule in July 2018 to facilitate the development process.

The next Panel meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, 18 May 2018.