

**Recovery Colleges Expert Panel
Meeting 4 – 18 May 2018
Communique**

On Friday 18 May 2018 the Recovery College Expert Panel (Panel) met for their fourth meeting at the Mental Health Commission (MHC).

The Expert Panel discussed the community consultation tools to be used to inform the development of the draft Model of Service. The Panel decided that a survey will be disseminated on Monday 4 June 2018 to enable the community and stakeholders to provide feedback and input into the development of the key core elements of the Model of Service. The Panel refined the draft survey questions and agreed that an informative pre-amble detailing Recovery College principles will be included to assist stakeholders to complete the survey and included in other consultation and communication methods.

The Panel also workshopped focus group questions and information to be provided as a guide for the workshop facilitators to support the community and stakeholder consultation workshops to be delivered as part of the grant process.

The MHC and Expert Panel discussed the draft Recovery College aims and principles. These were agreed in principle by the Panel with the draft aim endorsed as follows:

The Western Australian Recovery College aims to create positive change and hope through bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds and communities in a safe and welcoming learning environment to share experiences to support personal recovery and promote social and emotional wellbeing and physical health. College students include people with lived experience, family, friends, carers, volunteers and those that work in the mental health and alcohol and other drug sectors.

It was noted that the draft Aims and Principles would be discussed as part of the consultation processes, and subsequently refined as appropriate.

The next Panel meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 5 June 2018.