

**Recovery Colleges Expert Panel
Meeting 5 – 5 June 2018
Communique**

On Tuesday 5 June 2018 the Recovery College Expert Panel (Panel) met for their fifth meeting at the Mental Health Commission (MHC).

The MHC advised that the community consultation grants process is still to be awarded with the aim to concurrently disseminate the survey and notify the successful grant recipients by Friday 8 June 2018.

The Panel is in the process of developing draft features of the proposed Hub and Spoke approach which will be used to inform the draft Model of Service in conjunction with the feedback received through the community consultation processes. The Panel reviewed the possible features of a Recovery College Model of Service discussed to date, and agreed upon the following as a starting point (pending outcomes from the consultation process):

- **Suitability to WA** = The size of Western Australia lends itself to a Hub and Spoke model. Smaller spokes can be included throughout the regions, however, regions will have to demonstrate that they can cater to the needs of the community that they represent.
- **Procurement Consideration** = The model allows for replication anywhere in the State as it can be based on the availability of local providers. Services reserving the right to generate income from other sources (such as NDIS etc.)
- **Location** = Metropolitan: city centre close to major transport and at least one key health facility. Regional: major regional centre close to a key health facility with access to rural/remote communities. Capitalise on existing infrastructure in the community. Linking with existing community services. Commence with ten hubs (using the health regional locations Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid West, Goldfields (Northern and Remote); Wheat belt, Great Southern, Southwest, (Southern Country); Perth (North, South, East)).
- **Administration** = Correct administration staff levels to enable efficient enrolment and student support. Online accessibility for enrolment and course reviews. Administrators to be employed as well as facilitators / educators.
- **Features of the Building** = Education design i.e. classrooms with required Audio Visual facilities; Quiet study areas; library facility; prayer room /reflection spaces; Communal social areas /dining; disabled and gender neutral accessibility, kitchen. Needs to be adequately resourced and applicable to the needs of the community.
- **Governance** = Overseeing body for quality assurance. Ensures maintenance of the model's integrity, and consistency across the State. Recommend advisory groups for each region (ten advisory groups), to feed into the regional service provider (management of local hub).

The Panel acknowledges that these features are draft considerations that will continue to be refined at the next meeting which is scheduled to take place on Friday 29 June 2018 and in conjunction with the information received through the community consultation mechanisms.

The Panel will use this information and the community consultation feedback to develop a draft Model of Service that will be released for comment before being finalised and presented to the MHC for inclusion in a Business Case that will be submitted to government.