

**Recovery Colleges Expert Panel
Meeting 6 – 29 June 2018
Communique**

On Friday, 29 June 2018 the Recovery College Expert Panel (Panel) met for their sixth meeting at the Mental Health Commission (MHC).

The MHC advised the Panel that there were 15 organisations that were successful in receiving funding through an open Expression of Interest process, to undertake the community consultation/workshops across both the metropolitan and regional areas. The Panel members attended a range of workshops, to share their knowledge, and to hear the feedback first hand.

Organisations that held community consultation/workshops are required to submit their reports (detailing the feedback provided as part of this process) to the MHC by 6 July 2018. This information and that obtained through the online consultation process, including the survey results, written submissions and telephone calls will be collated and considered by the Panel at the next meeting to further inform the development of the draft Model of Service.

The Panel continued to refine the draft Model of Service, pending feedback from the consultation process. Some key points included:

- clear language around the Recovery College being accessible to everyone;
- Recovery Colleges delivering culturally secure and culturally responsive services;
- Recovery focussed and inclusive language used throughout;
- Delineation and definitions for staff, workers, volunteers;
- expectations for conduct of the Recovery College workforce; and
- flexible language to allow for the appointed service provider to co-produce the Recovery College.

The next Panel meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 26 July 2018.