

Panel Update September 2018

This update highlights the progress of the Sustainable Health Review (SHR) including the seventh, eighth and ninth meetings of the Sustainable Health Review Panel (the Panel) held on 25 June, 24 July and 22 August 2018 respectively.

Progress towards the Final Report

During its June, July and August meetings, the Panel provided considerable input into key strategy areas for the Final Report including:

- Public Health
- Mental Health
- Access
- Funding and partnerships
- First 1000 days, Last 1000 days of life
- Digital
- Workforce
- Innovation

These strategies continued to be developed by Panel Members in one to one sessions with the Secretariat over several months. This process ensured the approach and content of strategies appropriately reflected the Panel's intention.

An extended workshop for Panel Members was held in August to hone and develop a draft set of recommendations across strategies. A key focus of the Panel has been to develop recommendations that reflect enduring changes that are bold and challenging yet can be implemented to make a real difference to consumers, carers, the people of Western Australia, staff and more.

The Panel discussed a range of other products that could support the release of the Final Report. These products may include background papers. The Final Report is scheduled to be submitted to Government in November 2018.

Engagement

The Panel hosted a variety of engagement events during this period, noting the following large-scale events;

- Ministerial event: Primary Health Roundtable (28 June)
- Climate and Sustainability Forum (23 July)
- Ministerial event: Art of the Possible (25 July)
- Australasian College of Health Services Management (ACHSM), WA Council of Social Services (WACOSS), WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) Social Services Forum (26 July)
- Ministerial Event: Workforce and Training Roundtable (27 July)

The Panel Chair also participated in a range of other targeted engagement events such as the 'Many Voices, Big Impact: The Mental Health Review & Making Your Voice Heard' consultation event, held by WA's peak bodies representing mental health and consumers. This event was an opportunity for consumers of mental health services and carers to share their views on a range of issues related to the sustainability of the mental health system.

Consumer engagement continued to be a focus for the Panel through a partnership with the Health Consumers Council (HCC). The intention is to reach key consumer groups including Aboriginal people; culturally and linguistically diverse; the aged; consumers with disabilities and their carers; those with lived experience of mental health conditions and their carers; alcohol and other drug consumers and youth. A report is available on the [SHR website](#).

Over 100 leaders from throughout the WA health system attended the SHR Health Leadership Event on 21 August. The Panel engaged with current and future leaders to harness ideas and experience in creating and implementing a more sustainable future for the system.

In the next phases of engagement the Panel will continue to consult with Reference Groups and key stakeholders to test elements of the final report.

Reference Groups

The Panel received advice from both the Consumer and Carer Reference Group and Clinical Reference Groups from meetings held in June 2018. The focus of these discussions was the narrative and vision for the Final report.

In July/August the Clinical Reference Group explored a system wide approach to supporting a reduction to unwarranted clinical variations; and also discussed Specialist Outpatient Services and Elective Surgery. The Consumer and Carer Reference Group prepared a number of documents highlighting the need for increased consumer participation in the Health system and key areas for the Panel to focus on in their Final Report.

Both groups will participate in a Joint Reference Group discussion in September to give advice on the draft recommendations for the Final Report.

For more information about Reference Group meeting outcomes and key topic areas, refer to the Communiques on the [SHR Website](#).

Next Meeting

The SHR Panel continues to meet monthly.

Further information

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