

***Mental Health & Addiction
Funder and Planner Report To CMMHAN
SEPTEMBER 2007***

Priority Area: Mental Health

Overview

Consumer Governed Organisation

Operating in partnership with the DHB, Framework Trust has been contracted to provide administrative and project management support to the process of establishing a local Consumer Governed Organisation (CGO). It is anticipated that the CGO, as an independent NGO, will develop and contribute consumer leadership and workforce capability to the DHB's strategic vision for mental health and addiction services. The first meeting of the Consumer Forum, which will inform the development of the CGO's vision and organisational design, will take place in November.

Pacific Mental Health & Addictions Plan

Development of the Pacific Mental Health & Addiction Implementation Plan is meeting milestones within specified timeframes. This Plan is on course to be completed by November 2007. Pacific Health is the key contact for this contract and is supported by the Mental Health & Addiction Funding and Planning team.

Primary Mental Health

CMDHB once again sponsor Primary Mental Health work stream with the Goodfellow Symposium being run by Auckland University in April 2008

Effective Interventions

Since October 2006 the Ministries of Health and Justice have jointly led a review of the interface between mental health, Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) services and the criminal justice system. The New Zealand Police and the Department of Corrections have contributed to this work. This review is part of the Government's Effective Interventions (EI) programme of work. The objective of the EI Interface review was to develop proposals to improve the way in which the mental health and AOD treatment needs of people in the criminal justice system are met. The specific aims of the review were to enhance the social functioning and mental health of offenders, assist in reducing their rate of AOD addiction and addiction-related harm, and assist in reducing their re-offending.

These proposals have been developed into 10-15 projects which will meet the above aims, and a further 10 workforce development projects to increase the required capacity and capability in the sector.

In the Northern Region Area, the current projects underway include the following:
MoH and Police have initiated discussions with CMDHB to explore the possibility of basing Mental Health Nurses with AOD training within the Counties Manukau Police Watch House.

MoH and Department Of Corrections are in negotiation with CADS about piloting a specialised AOD Offender team for the Auckland Metro area. The aim of which is to increase AOD services for prisoners and offenders in the community; and ensure continuity of treatment when offenders transition from prison to the community.

Further Effective Intervention projects will be explored for the Northern Region within the next twelve months

Health of Offenders

The Ministry of Health are in the process of reviewing health services to offenders. Part of this review was looking at the funding model for Health of Offenders in prisons. Ministry of Health invited feedback from the DHB's and it was decided that the NDSA would develop a Northern Region response on behalf of RFF.

The Ministry of Health asked the DHB's to consider 3 possible options of funding models, they included

An enhanced version of the status quo.

Transfer of responsibility for prisoner health care to DHBs.

Transfer responsibility for prisoner health care (and possibly that of offenders) to a stand alone organisation.

The northern region's *Health of Offenders* report was considered by the Regional Funders Forum (RFF) on 11 September 2007 with these resolutions:

Approval: of the report's recommendations for immediate communication to the Ministry of Health, for incorporation in the Ministry's advice to Cabinet - with additional text to reinforce continuity-of-care rationale for DHB involvement, and the critical need for increased investment under any model.

Noted: that the ideal process (compared to the process taken) for assessing prisoner healthcare would have been an evidence-based service design approach, and for this a proper needs analysis is required.

Agreement: that the report and resolutions can be immediately communicated to the Ministry of Health. CEO approval is not necessary as the regional DHB funders have reached consensus on the matter.

Request for a representative to raise with the Ministry of Health (proposed: Janice Wilson). Dr Sandy Simpson, who was present at the RFF meeting, was requested to do this.