
QUEENSLAND TRANSITION TO NDIS – MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIC FORUM (QTN MF Strategic Forum)

Terms of reference

1. Purpose

The Strategic Forum provides a mechanism to discuss the specific issues for people who live with a mental illness, mental health service providers, representative bodies and state and commonwealth governments in the plans to roll-out the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Queensland.

The purpose of the forum is to:

- identify a way forward so that people with mental health issues in Queensland get the best possible outcomes from NDIS and support is maintained for people with mental health issues who do not qualify for NDIS.
- explore opportunities for holistic service system co-design including strategies for coordination across service types to support people with mental health issues particularly those with complex needs. This should include revising current service delivery, investment and funding arrangements in discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities consistent with the Queensland Government's other related initiatives.
- ensure stakeholder consultation mechanisms support on-going engagement, consultation and planning for change across service systems.

2. Role

The Forum Members will develop a shared vision for a future service system once NDIS is implemented. The members will work together to consider issues and plan for the introduction of NDIS in Queensland.

The forum will be a collaborative mechanism to:

- raise and share issues facing organisations and people with mental health issues and their families and carers in the transition to NDIS, and identify workable solutions
- understand the financial implications and workforce requirements for optimal implementation of the NDIS
- communicate and engage with the sector and wider community to ensure unintended consequences are understood and where possible, mitigated
- identify and resolve problems early

- provide ongoing engagement, consultation and planning for change across service systems in Queensland, with particular regard to regional, rural and remote areas
- look for opportunities to embed culturally appropriate ways of working to design and deliver effective services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds experiencing mental health issues
- closely monitor the progress of the early launch of the NDIS in North Queensland and identify issues and evidence that might inform the broader policy, design and implementation of the NDIS and the ongoing service provision to people living with mental health issues who do not qualify for NDIS.

3. Membership Groups

There are two membership groups to support operation of the Strategic Forum.

1. Core Working Group - a small core working group will meet more regularly than the Full Working Group to plan and steer the activities of the Full Working Group. The smaller working group will consist of key strategic stakeholders based in Queensland.
2. Full Working Group – will consist of members of the core working group, state and federal Government representatives, National sector representatives and other Queensland sector representatives.

4. Organisation

The Queensland Alliance for Mental Health (QAMH) will take a lead in organising the meetings, managing correspondence, providing a secretariat function, organising speakers and chairing of the meetings.

5. Schedule of Meetings

The Core Working Group will meet at least every two months, and the Full Working Group will meet every four months, until June 2016, after which the group can review the need and frequency for further meetings.

6. Membership

The forum will be chaired by the CEO or a representative of the Queensland Alliance for Mental Health and secretariat support will be provided by QAMH. The number of members in the Core Working Group is between 8 to 12 members with a secretary to support the Group. Full Working Group members can attend the Core Working Group meetings, if requested to attend. External presenters/facilitators are able to attend the meetings when requested.

Core Working Group & Queensland sector representatives

Kris Trott (Chair)	CEO	Qld. Alliance for Mental Health
Richard Nelson	Queensland Manager	National Disability Services
Tony Stevenson	CEO	Mental Illness Fellowship of Qld.
Rebecca MacBean	CEO	Qld. Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies
Cathy O'Toole	CEO	SOLAS
Noel Muller	President	Queensland Voice for Mental Health
Tracy Worrall	Director	Qld. Program of assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma
Valmae Rose	Senior Manager Practice, Research & Policy	Queensland Council of Social Services
Craig Stanley-Jones	Regional Manager Qld	Aftercare
Luke Terry	Executive Director	Toowoomba Clubhouse
Jennifer Cullen	CEO	Synapse
Support Providers		
Heidi Mathieson	Principal Policy Officer	Queensland Mental Health Commission
Melody Edwardson (Secretarial)	Director – Sector Development	Qld. Alliance for Mental Health

Full Working Group - includes Core Working Group plus 1,2, 3 & 4

1. Queensland Government representatives

Lesley van Schoubroeck	Commissioner	Queensland Mental Health Commission
Carmel Ybarlucea	Executive Directors	Queensland Mental Health Commission
Neeraj Gill	Consultant Psychiatrist	Queensland Mental Health Commission
Kingsley Bedwell	Member	QMHC Advisory Council
Bill Kingswell	Executive Director	Queensland Health
John Allan	Chief Psychiatrist	Queensland Health
Barnaby Kerdel	Ministerial Advisor, Advisor to Hon. Cameron Dick	Queensland Health
Scott James	Manager, Mental Health, Alcohol & Other Drugs Branch	Queensland Health
Cathy Taylor	Deputy-Director General	DCCSDS (Child and Families)
Tony Hayes	Deputy-Director General	DCCSDS (Disability Services)
Geraldine Woods	Executive Director	DCCSDS (Whole of Govt.Coordination)
Damien Walker	Deputy Director-General	Department of Housing & Public Works
Ron Weatherall	Deputy Director-General	Department of ATSI Partnerships
Karen Pringle	Director	Department of ATSI Partnerships

2. Australian Government representatives

Jessica Bell / Janet Sodulka /	Director, Families and Communities	Department of Social Services
James Christian	Director, Coord. Care Section, Health Services Div	Commonwealth Department of Health
Monica Kokoszka	Director - Qld	Commonwealth Department of Health

3. National Sector representatives

Frank Quinlan	CEO	Mental Health Australia
David Meldrum	Executive Director	Mental Illness Fellowship Australia
National Sector representatives	Mental Health Advisor	National Disability Insurance Agency
Eddie Bartnik		
Ray Jeffery	Queensland Director	National Disability Insurance Agency

4. Queensland Sector representatives

Patricia Hudson	CEO	Sunshine Coast PHN
Karyn Walsh - TBC	CEO	Micah Projects