Oakden Response Plan Oversight Committee

The SA Health Oakden Response Plan Oversight Committee was established in June 2017 to provide oversight and guidance to SA Health in implementing the six recommendations outlined in The Oakden Report.

At its meeting on 11 May 2018, the Oakden Response Plan Oversight Committee (the Committee) considered and approved the Older Persons’ Mental Health Services (OPMHS) Culture Framework, which has at its foundation the following four core elements.

1. Creating an environment of psychological safety for consumers, staff and all other stakeholders.
2. Values based recruitment and retention of a true multidisciplinary OPMH team inclusive of the Leadership Team, as well as independent methods to survey and assess staff satisfaction working within the service.
3. A state-wide OPMH Centre of Excellence be created and maintained for South Australia, with recognition “that conditions of work are conditions of care”.
4. Transparency of Governance and Accountability for the Service

Core values based leadership and caring with compassion and kindness, respectful behaviours, multidisciplinary team building and working, transparency of care and outcomes and true engagement of family and carers underpin the Culture Framework. These values are encapsulated in the Culture Framework’s overarching Vision Statement:

“Together with our vulnerable older people, their carer’s and communities NALHN State-wide Older Persons Mental Health Service (OPMHS) will support dignified, compassionate, best practice person centred care”

Following extensive stakeholder consultation and input, the Committee was presented with the draft recommended Staffing Profile for the state-wide Neuro-Behavioural Unit, Specialist Residential Units and Rapid Access Service. The draft Staffing Profiles were discussed at length, and will be presented again to the Committee in June 2018 for final endorsement.

The Committee received an update from the New Facility Expert Working Group, on its work to translate the Neuro-Cognitive Behavioural Unit Model of Care into facility specifications, and the identification of suitable sites. The New Facility Expert Working Group will continue to review the Schedule of Accommodation; assess best practice designed facilities interstate; and explore site and collocation options, with a view to providing final recommendations to the Committee in June 2018.

Finally, the Committee discussed and endorsed the direction of the draft Omnibus Reference Guide to the Oakden Report Response Plan, which has been prepared as a comprehensive record of the work undertaken in response to the Oakden Report. The Omnibus Reference Guide will be finalised and presented to the Committee for endorsement in June 2018.

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