Workshop Summary

SA Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019 -2024

A Health and Wellbeing Strategy Health Network Workshop was held for Country Health South Australia Local Health Network (LHN) at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on Friday 1 February 2019 with approximately 40 participants in attendance either in person or via video link.

Background

Underpinned by data and consistent with contemporary evidence, SA Health routinely conducts system-wide strategic planning every five years. The SA Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019 - 2024 will focus on the state wide health priorities for South Australia for the next five years and also look to adopt a longer term perspective (to 2030), to enable the system to be better prepared for the future.

Over the last 12 months following a broad and comprehensive review of research evidence and a strengths based consultation across SA Health service provider networks a number of emerging themes, issues and challenges have been identified as potential opportunities to support improvements in health outcomes.

As part of the commitment to a consultation-based approach to the development of the Strategy, a number of workshops have been arranged to seek a diverse range of views about the themes, issues and challenges identified. As part of this engagement, workshops are being held with each Local Health Network (LHN) focussing on local population challenges and opportunities.

Workshop overview

The workshop provided an opportunity for a number of Country Health Clinical Caucus and recently appointed Regional Board Chairs and Deputy Chief Executive Officer's to have a joint conversation about planning for the future.

Opening

Rebecca Graham, Interim Chief Executive Officer CHSALHN opened the workshop, welcomed participants and outlined the objectives and purpose of the workshop.

Strategy overview and context

Lynne Cowan, Deputy Chief Executive, SA Health provided an overview and context of the SA Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

Overview of data analysis CHSALHN

Ken Lang, Manager Planning & Commissioning, System Redesign & Clinical Engagement, SA Health provided an overview of analysis of SA population health needs with a focus on CHSALHN and regional high-level challenges and opportunities.
Interactive session and Q&A

Rebecca Graham invited questions and comments in response to the data analysis. This was followed by an interactive session led by Dr Hendrika Meyer Executive Director, Medical Services CHSALHN who began a conversation around connectedness and posed the following questions to participants who were seated in their respective CHSA LHN groups:

- What are the barriers, enablers and opportunities for system connectedness?
- What are the barriers and enablers to delivery of safe and quality statewide services?
- How can technology be used to enhance both system and services connectedness?
- How can each country LHN assist each other moving forward?

Input from Participants

Some themes that emerged from the session included:

**Barriers**
- There is an opportunity for greater awareness and understanding of each other’s challenges
- There is an opportunity to improve communication between LHN’s
- The ability to attract and retain personnel and the challenge of an ageing Country workforce

**Enablers**
- Technology, economies of scale and shared systems, extending access to technological face-to-face care, particularly for marginalised population groups.
- Shared strategies and collective governance with common KPI’s and transparent reporting
- Supporting a skilled local workforce, potential to explore opportunities across Metro and Country
- The passion and enthusiasm of staff and clinicians

**Opportunities**
- Technology can support greater integration and communication between Country and Metro
- Enhanced sharing of education, resources and research
- Regular forums between LHN’s
- System wide policies
- Recognition of excellence
- New funding models with appropriate incentives/drivers

**How technology can be used to enhance connectedness**
- Keeping people closer to home
- Improved patient experience
- Streamlined data collection and usage leading to Improved transparency and consistency
- Potential for greater equity of access

Next steps

For more information

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The input received at the workshop will be used for local planning purposes and be incorporated into the South Australian Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019 - 2024.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the session.