

Continuum Project

Taranaki Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services

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About the project.....

What

The Taranaki District Health Board (TDHB) Adult Mental Health and Addictions Continuum Project aims to assess, review and address the key aspects of the range of services delivered through a service users', tangata whaiora and their families and whanau centred approach.

Our ultimate aim is to lead the sector to a more cohesive and supportive approach for all service users', tangata whaiora and their families and whanau, as well as service providers.

The project will include a consultation process that seeks views from service users', tangata whaiora and their families and whanau, primary care and mental health service providers about the pathways in, through and out of mental health and addiction services, as well as transitioning back into the community.

Why

A fundamental aspect of this project is our commitment to provide a short, medium and longer term direction and action plan for how mental health and addiction services will be delivered now and into the future for the TDHB population.

The Key Messages

- We aim to have quicker referral processes, a reduction in duplication and better access to services
- Clinical leadership will be encouraged across the sector
- Our workforce will be supported to develop new skills, be competent, engaging and vibrant
- We will have more collaborative working relationships across all service providers within the sector
- The sector will be better coordinated and supported to meet the needs of mental health service users, tangata whaiora and families & whanau
- We are committed to reducing the barriers to accessing Services
- There will be a holistic approach to recovery will for service users', tangata whaiora and families & whanau
- Service users', tangata whaiora and families & whanau will be encouraged to take an active role in the planning of their recovery journey
- We will continue to develop closer working relationships with other agencies who fund and/or refer to Mental Health and Addictions Services
- We will look for opportunities to work with other service providers and agencies not directly funded by the DHB and who share the same client base

How

A Steering group has been established that will provide overall guidance, advice and direction for this project, and a project manager has been engaged.

Two key workstreams have been agreed – the Service Continuum workstream and Client Pathway, made up of people who bring a range of different perspectives on services and delivery aspects.

Additionally, the project will be informed by meeting with key stakeholders individually and focus groups with key audiences.

When

The project started in December with a preliminary workshop, and will build on work already undertaken such as relevant service reviews and other Client pathway mapping activities. We are aiming for this work to be completed by April 2011, resulting in a report and recommendations that will be sent to Sandra Boardman, General Manager, Planning, Funding and Population Health.

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