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Michael

two issues one re- headspace and the other re Barrett centre  
 First- Barrett Centre

I met with Lesley and her team today.

She has had advice from Peter Steer that he will not have a model in place to address the closure of BAC for 12 months.

That is not a solution useful to Lesley.

Lesley proposes.

1. A 6 month pilot project to deliver a residential support option.

Bring Aftercare on board to provide a residential support option in leased housing at Aftercare has been chosen as they have the capacity, have indicated a willingness to be involved, already provide the beds in and are lead agency in the MetroNth headspace. Given this would need to be operational by about Australia Day, it will be a type 4 procurement. There will not be time to go to tender.

I haven't seen the \$ amount, however it is likely to exceed Lesley's delegation and if put through the West Moreton Board process is unlikely to meet the necessary deadlines.

I have the \$ as uncommitted \$ from the \$1.8m recurrent that would have gone to the replacement service at Bayside had it ever been built. We would have at least the half yr effect unspent, \$900k, which will be more than enough.

2. A 6 month pilot of day program that would use existing West Moreton space in their community MH centre and be staffed jointly HHS and NGO (again probably Aftercare and some staff from BAC).

In the event that BAC the \$ attached to that unit will come back to the department and will not need to be allocated to the QCH until they are ready to go with replacement services.

If you are happy with this approach, Lesley's and my team will work on a DG brief to go ahead with the type 4 procurement.

Second- "headspace"

How would you have me proceed?

The Commonwealth has announced 9 "expanded headspace" sites (read early psychosis services) for Australia, one for each jurisdiction and one extra. The 9th service on a population share basis would go to NSW. However, there is opportunity for Qld if we were prepared to make a cash contribution.

The National organisation will fund an existing headspace lead agency to about \$8m to build an early psychosis hub with one or two spokes, serving a population between 800,000 and 1 million. The model involves running a day program, a continuing care team with assertive outreach and an assessment and treatment team. There is significant overlap with the proposals for the replacement of BAC services although the target group is narrower. Having the Commonwealth build an expanded headspace early psychosis service hub on the Gold Coast with a spoke to the soon to be established Logan headspace is almost assured pending approval by the federal health minister.

I met with the national headspace team today and we could attract a second service with a hub in Metropolitan Brisbane and a spoke extending to the Ipswich headspace if we were prepared to put up \$4m recurrent in cash contribution. If approved it would go to the National headspace agency who would contract with the lead agency on our behalf.

It would seem to me a valuable investment. We put up \$4m and the commonwealth contributes \$12m. It would contribute significantly to our efforts to replace the services provided at BAC.

Is it worth looking for Ministerial approval to go to CBRC or would you expect that we would be asked to find it in-house. If the latter what are the chances that we can do that, its possible that we could re-direct some of our existing child and youth spend or some of our intended spend on the replacement BAC services?

I need to get back to them and should do so in the next week or so. If there is in principle support I can start my team working on the necessary briefs.

thanks Bill K

Kind regards

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