

Oaths Act 1867

Statutory Declaration

I, **LESLEY DWYER** of c/- Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers, by email to

[REDACTED] in the State of Queensland do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1 As to the meeting on 15 July 2013 between Dr Corbett, Ms Dwyer and Mr Springborg, what is Ms Dwyer's recollection of what was discussed and/or agreed at that meeting?

- 1.1 My recollection of the meeting on 15 July 2013 is that it comprised a general discussion about the changes which were ongoing at The Park and a discussion regarding BAC.
- 1.2 As regarding the closure of BAC, I recall there was a discussion about the process which WMHHS had been through in assessing the way forward for adolescent mental health services, including the ECRG process and its recommendations, and the process that was proposed for the development of new services.
- 1.3 The meeting was fairly brief. I would estimate it lasted approximately 20 minutes, as most meetings with the Minister were around that length.
- 1.4 The Minister, Mr Springborg was clear in his support for closing BAC. He did not ask a lot of questions. I do not recall the specific words spoken, but the discussion was around needing to be able to give assurance that BAC patients would be cared for and that new services would be developed in place of the BAC services.
- 1.5 I recall we advised the Minister to the effect that WMHHS would keep BAC open until alternative services were identified for the BAC patients.
- 1.6 The specific question I remember him asking was why we were not building a fence around the EFTRU. However I am unsure whether this related to a concern about BAC patients or was more a concern about the risk of EFTRU patients generally.

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2 At that meeting, was Mr Springborg told (by either Dr Corbett or Ms Dwyer) that it was proposed that the Barrett Adolescent Centre would close in December 2013 in alignment with the opening of a Y-PARC, or words to that effect?

2.1 I do not recall whether there was a discussion at the meeting on 15 July 2013 regarding the opening of a Y-PARC.

2.2 It was my understanding at that time that the Department of Health intended to open a Y-PARC in Metro South HHS by January 2014. In that regard:

(a) On 8 July 2013, Sharon Kelly, Dr Geppert, Dr Stedman and Padraig McGrath attended a meeting with Dr Bill Kingswell from the MHAODB regarding BAC at which Dr Kingswell advised that a Y-PARC was planned to be operational in Metro South HHS by January 2014 and that it would be accessible to a large proportion of the adolescent target group of BAC. Ms Kelly informed me about this following the meeting. Attached and marked **LD-1** is a copy of the file notes of that meeting.

(b) I was present at a Barrett Adolescent Strategy meeting on 23 July 2013 at which Dr Bill Kingswell again reported that the Y-PARC was planned to be operational by January 2014. Attached and marked **LD-2** is a copy of the minutes of that meeting.

2.3 At the time of the meeting with Mr Springborg, it was therefore the case that closing BAC in December 2013 would align with the projected commencement date for the Y-PARC, however I do not recall whether the opening of the Y-PARC or alignment with the date proposed for closing BAC was discussed. As stated above, there was a discussion about development of new services but I do not recall if Y-PARC specifically was discussed.



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2.4 At the time of the meeting, individual case planning had not yet occurred in relation to the needs of existing BAC patients. The discussion regarding new services was not about services for the specific needs of particular patients, nor the needs of existing BAC patients in particular, it was about developing a range of alternative services for adolescents with extended mental health treatment needs generally.

2.5 I later became aware that the Y-PARC would not be operational in Metro South HHS by January 2014, however by that time individual patient assessments of the existing BAC patients had progressed and the advice I received was that individual patients could be transferred to existing services, in some cases with additional supports consistent with the ECRG recommendation to provide wrap around care on a case by case basis.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

Taken and declared before me by)
LESLEY DWYER at Brisbane in the)
State of Queensland this)
day of)
Before me:)

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Signature of authorised witness

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Signature of declarant

A Justice of the Peace/
Commissioner for Declarations

Solicitor of the
SUPREME COURT.

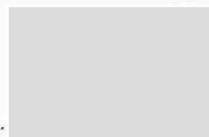
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Meeting Title:	Update Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC) and Extended Treatment & Rehabilitation (ETR) Projects
Date/Location:	8 July 2013, The Park WMHHS
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sharon Kelly (SK), Terry Stedman (TS), Pdraig McGrath (PM) (partial attendance), Leanne Geppert (LG) (WMHHS) ▪ Bill Kingswell (BK) (Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch [MHAODB])

Discussion:	<p>BAC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted meeting planned with Health Minister 15/7/13. 2. Discussed proposal for MHAODB, Children's Health Services and WMHHS to jointly progress BAC project regarding statewide service model finalisation. 3. BK indicated limited capacity to engage in BAC project in short term and that focus of MHAODB is Y-PARC service planning and implementation in Metro South by January 2014. Tenders to be called 16 July 2013. \$1.8M funding for Y-PARC sourced from QPMH (originally intended for the now ceased Redlands Adolescent Extended Treatment Unit). Potentially a second Y-PARC in Cairns into the future. 4. Y-PARC will be supra District, 16-24y target group, NGO and clinical partnership service model. Accessible to large proportion of adolescent target group of BAC. 5. SK noted potential for issues given no formal communications yet re outcome of ECRG process despite Y-PARC tenders being called, however the development of YPARC would support the board requirement of an alternate service available <p>ETR REDACTED</p>
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Action Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. LG to prepare meeting file note for today.2. LG to prepare Talking Points and Brief for SK, Lesley Dwyer re BAC meeting with Health Minister, incorporating information from today as relevant.3. REDACTED4. LG to disseminate TRP model of service details to SK, TS and PM.5. SK to update Lesley Dwyer on meeting discussion points.6. REDACTED7. REDACTED	REDACTED
Proposed Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Progress BAC Project following meeting with Health Minister. Project leads to be WMHHS and CHS. MHAODB to be a stakeholder, but not lead body.2. REDACTED3. REDACTED	REDACTED

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Minutes: Barrett Adolescent Strategy

Date:	23 July 2013	Commencement Time:	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Location:	QHB Level 5
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Committee Members					
Position	Name	Key	Present	T/Conf	Comment
WM HHS; Chair	Lesley Dwyer	LD	X		
WM HHS	Sharon Kelly	SK	X		
WM HHS	Leanne Geppert	LG	X		
WM HHS; Communications	Naomi Ford	NF	X		
CHQ HHS	Peter Steer	PS	X		
CHQ HHS	Stephen Stathis	SS		X	
CHQ HHS	Judi Krause	JK		X	
DoH; Communications	Craig Brown	CB	X		
DoH; MHAODB	Bill Kingswell	BK	X		

1.0	Meeting Opening	Responsible Officer
1.1	Nil apologies	
1.2	Nil previous minutes	


2.0 Matters for Decision/Discussion				
Item	Title / Item	Action	Key Officer	Due Date
2.1	<p><u>Update on Barrett Adolescent Strategy (LD & SK)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key stakeholders engaged in communication process and supportive, including Department of Education Training & Employment (DETE). No public announcements to-date regarding future of Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC). Planning to close BAC 31/12/13. WM HHS will ensure ongoing service provision for BAC consumer group as needed until an alternative service is identified to meet individual need. Majority of current BAC consumer group aged 16y or older with lengths of admission up to 2 yrs. Approx [redacted] preparing to graduate from high school in December 2013. DETE will develop their future model of service provision independent of (but in consultation with) QH. 			
	<p><u>Update on Department of Health (DoH) Service Planning – Youth Prevention and Recovery Care Model (BK)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DG approval to dedicate \$2M recurrent from the ceased Redlands build towards a YPARC service as a pilot site (new to Qld). YPARC model = 16-25yo age group, inpatient beds delivered by NGO with daily in-reach by mental health clinicians, short term admissions, 6 - 8 beds, delivered on hospital campus. Potential site for the first supra-district YPARC is Metro Sth HHS. Meeting called next week by DoH with ED, Mental Health Metro Sth HHS to discuss. 	a. Conduct meeting with Metro Sth HHS, inviting CHQ HHS, WM HHS.	a. BK	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BK has confidence in procurement timeline to open YPARC service by January 2014. Longer term plan will consider a second YPARC site in North Qld - Sector preference for second site to be Townsville. DoH identified Cairns as another potential site. Potential to establish Youth Residential Rehab Service in addition to YPARC. Funding source not identified. Domestic build, service model is residential not therapeutic, extended length of stay for target group. BK unable to provide timeline for service establishment – likely to be second priority to YPARC establishment. Potential for this pilot site also in Metro Sth HHS. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite CHQ HHS and WM HHS to meeting with Metro Sth HHS and DoH. Include Chief Executives. In addition to YPARC, Youth Residential Rehab Service identified as important component of service continuum if BAC closes. A portion of existing BAC operational funds could be utilised to fund this service type. Statewide service provision an essential factor for consideration. 			
2.3	<p>Next Steps (all)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication and media plan high priority. Discussion regarding ongoing referrals to BAC, and risks associated with transition from current BAC clinical model to new YPARC clinical model in Dec/Jan. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint communication plan is essential between key stakeholders attending today – consistent clear messages, and clear governance over Strategy. Barrett Adolescent Strategy will now move into the Implementation Phase. CHQ HHS will lead the implementation phase of the Barrett Adolescent Strategy moving forward. WM HHS and DoH will remain key stakeholders. Other HHSs and Departments will be included as relevant. Implementation Steering Committee to be formed to drive next phase of Strategy. Sub groups will be invited to advise/support the Implementation Steering Committee as required. Consider the potential to transition current BAC staff to services being established. Continue to admit to BAC as required, but ensure that admissions align with criteria suited to the new clinical model (ie., YPARC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft Project Plan to be submitted to this group in next 2 wks b. Propose Implementation Steering Committee membership for approval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SK, LG, SS, JK b. SK, LG, SS, JK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 6/8/13 b. 6/8/13

3.0	Attachments	
Item		
3.1	Expert Clinical Reference Group: Proposed Service Model Elements – Adolescent Extended Treatment and Rehabilitation Services	 F:\WM HHS\BAC\ Proposed Service Mod

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3.2	Briefing Note (copy as sent to Queensland Mental Health Commissioner 18 July 2013): Barrett Adolescent Strategy	 F:\WM HHS\BAC\ Briefing Note QMHC 1
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4.0	Matters for Noting
Item	Noted
4.1	Written and verbal updates have been provided to the Minister for Health, DoH, the Queensland Mental Health Commissioner, CHQ HHS, and the DETE.
4.2	Support to proceed with the closure of BAC has been received from all parties noted in 4.1 above. Closure of the BAC is reliant on adequate services being available for the target adolescent consumer group – there should be no gap in service provision.
4.3	No public announcement has been made regarding the closure of BAC. This includes current staff members and consumers of the BAC.
4.4	Implementation and communications from this point forward will ensure key stakeholder involvement – WM HHS, CHQ HHS, Department of Health/MHAODB, and as relevant Metro Sth HHS.

5.0	Meeting Finalisation
Item	
5.1	Next meeting details to be confirmed, following submission of draft Project Plan to this group by Tuesday 6 August 2013.
5.2	The meeting closed at 9:00 am.

Minutes authorised by Chair as an accurate record of proceedings	
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Lesley Dwyer Chief Executive, WM HHS	Date