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Brief for Approval

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SUBJECT: Approval for development of a Step Up/Step Down Unit (SUSDU), based on the Youth Prevention and Recovery Care (Y-PARC) model from Victoria, in Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service

Recommendation/s

It is recommended that the Director-General:

1. **Approve** the prioritisation and utilisation of capital savings of approximately \$6 million from Australian Government funded mental health capital works projects for development of a SUSDU in Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (CHHHS).

Headline issues

2. Health Infrastructure Branch (HIB), System Support Services Division (SSSD) has identified a potential \$6 million in capital savings available from the Health and Hospitals Fund-Regional Priority Round Three (HHF) [\$5 million] and National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services (NPA) [\$1 million].
3. The accuracy of the savings estimate for the HHF and NPA will be better understood upon awarding the building contract for the construction of Community Care Unit (CCU) facilities and finalisation of the purchase of land for the Sunshine Coast CCU, which are expected to occur on or about 30 June 2014.
4. The exact quantum of funds for the construction of the capital works will be confirmed at the completion of the construction work for the projects, expected in March 2015.
5. It is recommended these capital savings be reinvested into further mental health capital projects, in particular, the development of a six bed SUSDU, to be located in Cairns.
6. Recurrent operational funding for a six bed SUSDU estimated to be approximately \$1.0 million, has been identified by Healthcare Purchasing Funding and Performance (HPFP) Branch within the HPFP Purchasing Pool. It is anticipated that this will be a non-government organisation operated facility that is managed by CHHHS.
7. Subject to approval, capital development will be administered through HIB processes to meet all legislative requirements.

Background

8. The HHF and NPA Project Agreements (Attachments 1 and 2) permit the reallocation of capital savings. A refund to the Australian Government is not required if the actual cost to build the CCUs is less than the estimated cost.
9. Based on the cost of delivering a similar facility in other jurisdictions, HIB, SSSD estimated capital costs will be approximately \$5 million (excluding GST); inclusive of land acquisition, information and communications technology and furniture, fittings and equipment.
10. As a service component of the Adolescent Mental Health Extended Treatment Initiative, the SUSDU provided in partnership with mental health community managed organisations, is based on the Youth Prevention and Recovery Care (Y-PARC) model from Victoria.
11. The SUSDU provides a step up service option to prevent admission through intense, short-term treatment and a step down option to assist early and seamless transition for young people when re-entering the community following an inpatient admission.
12. The SUSDU service development is consistent with the Blueprint for better healthcare in Queensland by providing Queenslanders with improved patient access and quality service delivery and ensuring health services are more accessible to mental health consumers.

Consultation

13. Mr Nick Steele, Executive Director, HPFP Branch.
14. Ms Julie Hartley-Jones, Chief Executive, CHHHS supports the development of a Y-PARC (referred to in this brief as a SUSDU) in Cairns in a letter of endorsement (Attachment 3).
15. Dr Stephen Stathis, Chair, Adolescent Mental Health Extended Treatment Initiative supports Y-PARC (in this brief as a SUSDU) in a letter of endorsement (Attachment 4).
16. Chief Executive and Department of Health Oversight Committee.
17. Mr Alan Mayer, Project Director Mental Health, HIB, SSSD.
18. Mr Joe Riverstone, Business Manager, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch.

Attachments

19. Attachment 1: MI197580 - revised HHF Project Agreement (point 23, page 7).
20. Attachment 2: Schedule E-NPA Project Agreement (point 33, page 10)
21. Attachment 3: Letter of endorsement - Ms Julie Hartley-Jones.
22. Attachment 4: Letter of endorsement - Dr Stephen Stathis.

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