

# Appendix 1

Developments in mental health since  
inquiry commencement

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A number of significant developments have occurred in mental health since the Select Committee on Mental Health commenced the inquiry in January 2002. Many of these developments were incidentally or coincidentally, related to evidence presented to the Committee concerning deficiencies in policies and programs for those with mental illnesses.

NSW Health provided the following information which is reproduced in full, without comment.

### NSW HEALTH – ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES IN MENTAL HEALTH IN 2002

These achievements and initiatives are a snapshot of the quality clinical programs and other initiatives in mental health that have occurred this year. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of projects but representative of the substantial activity that has occurred.

#### ONGOING

##### **Beds**

- 300 additional beds and places for supported accommodation released throughout 2002 and into early 2003
- Development of effective models of clinical care and service organisation within inpatient services, and a coordinated Bed Management Program

##### **Quality Initiatives**

- Section 237 reviews completed on all gazetted acute psychiatric inpatient units in NSW
- Monthly and quarterly reports provided by Areas on quality indicators

##### **Workforce**

- Mental health continues to be a priority area for the appointment of mental health nurse practitioners; masters of clinical practice programs are being aligned to offer the required training
- The Centre for Mental Health, in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Nursing Officer, allocated approximately \$5.35 million Commonwealth funds to implement a range of mental health nursing education strategies, to build and market career paths in mental health nursing, with nursing recruitment through this process
- The provision of training posts for general practitioners in rural psychiatry with a curriculum being developed by the Institute of Psychiatry and the RANZCP

##### **Suicide Prevention**

- Ongoing review and training for clinicians in 98/31 Policy Management Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Possible Suicidal Behaviour for NSW Health Staff and Staff in Private Hospital Facilities
- Australian data shows that the NSW suicide rate is at or below the Australian average. The Report of the Chief Health Officer 2002 shows that the NSW youth suicide rate in 1999 and 2000 was the lowest since the mid-1980's

##### **Non-Government Organisations (NGOs)**

- \$1 million has been allocated to NGOs and NGO & Area Mental Health consortiums to pilot 8 family and caring for carers mental health programs

- Carers NSW has commenced a project to provide support and training, counseling and emotional support and build responsiveness of services to the needs of families and carers in 3 pilot locations; 1 rural, 1 regional and 1 metropolitan
- The Mental Health Co-ordinating Council has been allocated \$1 million over two and half years to develop partnerships between NGOs and Area Mental Health Services The positions will provide project support, assistance with training and quality improvements as well as with the evaluation of services and models of care.

## **JANUARY**

### ***Information management***

- Delivery completed on time to the Commonwealth of required de-identified unit record data for the National Minimum Dataset Community Client Care. The first statewide ambulatory client data ever produced in NSW, including State level unique client identifiers in frameworks within the primary regulations and requirements

### ***Promotion and Prevention***

- Article was published in the Auseinet Newsletter about the consultation in NSW for the National Action Plan for Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention in Mental Health; circulated to Area CEO's

### ***NGOs***

- Macquarie Area Mental Health Service contracted a local Non-Government Organisation to coordinate and assist this rural community to commence their own mental health advocacy groups

## **FEBRUARY**

### ***Quality Initiatives***

- State-wide consultation between NSW Health, NSW Police and NSW Ambulance Service has commenced, extending the Memorandum of Understanding between these entities

### ***Suicide***

- Supporting Children After Suicide Booklet developed by South Western Sydney Area Health Service. The booklet was launched as a statewide resource on February 19, 2002 in Dubbo by the National Association for Loss and Grief

### ***Comorbidity***

- NSW Health coordinated a national meeting on acute patients with comorbidity of drug and alcohol problems to determine clinical and good practice domains and to contribute to improved patterns of care

### ***Depression***

- Premier announced the establishment of the Black Dog Institute, a research, treatment and training facility for depression, located on the campus of the Prince of Wales Hospital

## **MARCH**

### ***Quality Initiatives***

- Draft quality portfolio developed by The Centre for Mental Health, comprising 15 components
- 237 Inspections commenced reviewing acute inpatient programs in all Area Health Services

### ***Aboriginal Mental Health***

- Development of the Care & Support Pack for Aboriginal health workers

### ***Families and Parents***

- The final draft of strategic framework for the project, NSW Parenting Partnerships: Framework for 2002-2004 distributed to NSW Health, other government Departments, non-government organisations and peak bodies representing agencies working with families

- The clinical access to parenting programs (capp) centre began pilots of these programs, to determine their efficacy for populations across NSW.
- The NSW Parenting Program for Mental Health met with the NSW Parenting Centre, DoCS regarding areas for collaboration and cooperation in providing parents with access to evidence based parenting information.

## **APRIL**

### ***Suicide Prevention***

- StateRail: Suicide Prevention Collaboration meeting held, hosted by StateRail with staff from NSW Health attending. Meeting identified future joint suicide prevention strategies/projects to improve collaboration and share information and knowledge concerning suicide prevention initiatives.
- Hunter Institute of Mental Health Project commenced work with the Elderly Suicide Prevention Network to further develop and to disseminate the video resources relating to Depression and Suicide Prevention for Older Persons; and to support the implementation across NSW of the elderly suicide prevention 98/31 training programs

### ***Beds and Housing***

- The NSW Aboriginal Housing Office and the Aboriginal Health and Medical research Council are invited to join the Joint Guarantee of Service (JGOS) for people with mental health problems and disorders

### ***Workforce Developments***

- Consultation between General Practitioners and Mental Health staff in Tamworth and Armidale for Teams of 2 – Joint Learning Initiative

## **MAY**

### ***Aboriginal Mental Health***

- The inaugural Aboriginal Mental Health Workers Forum was held in Sydney, for all Aboriginal Mental Health and Social and Emotional Well-being workers from throughout NSW

### ***Young People***

- Statewide Area School-Link Coordinators Forum was held with speakers invited to provide information to School-Link Coordinators
- The New England Area Health Service in partnership with the Lion's Club of Tamworth commenced a 6 month education/awareness project targeting depression in men. This is one of a series of projects addressing depression in the area

## **JUNE**

### ***Funding***

- The Premier announced an increase of \$20 million recurrent for mental health in NSW to support an accelerated beds, supported accommodation and clinical programs to in addition to the current budget of \$107.5 million recurrent.

### ***Quality Initiatives***

- The Memorandum of Understanding between the NSW Police, Ambulance and Health ratified protocols and established a collaborative response to crisis or emergency situations involving persons suspected of having a mental disorder of illness, including specific flow charts

### ***Suicide Prevention***

- Suicide Prevention Conference The 9th Annual National Conference of Suicide Prevention held at Darling Harbour Convention Centre, Sydney on 21-23 June 2002
- Elderly Suicide Prevention Training Support Project being conducted by the Hunter Institute of Mental Health, in collaboration with the ESPN commences

**Bereavement Support**

- Review of bereavement support services undertaken by the Centre for Mental Health, focusing on the availability of bereavement support services across NSW, establishment of a database on provider qualifications and evidence based practice, and development of a CDROM training package

**Children & Young People**

- Two regional School-Link Conferences held; Western Sydney and Northern Sydney, covering a range of issues relating to children and adolescents' mental health.

**JULY****Quality Initiatives**

- Memorandum of Understanding implementation schedule commenced

**Information Management**

- Approximately 80% of all mental health clinical staff trained in MH-OAT and over 50% of services had commenced outcomes collection data

**Workforce**

- Inaugural workshop for rural Psychiatry Trainees held in Sydney

**AUGUST****Quality Initiatives**

- Inaugural meeting of the NSW Mental Health Sentinel Events Committee; a committee established by the Minister to monitor serious mental health incidents, including suicides and homicides

**Children and Young People**

- Network consultation commences for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Networks

**Beds and Housing**

- Beds network project commences with consultations and formulation of project

**SEPTEMBER****Forensics**

- Administration of the Forensic Patient Victims Register transferred to NSW Health

**Quality Initiatives**

- Comprehensive risk assessment guidelines, discharge protocols, and access to means checklist for inpatient units developed by Northern Sydney Area Health Service in collaboration with NSW Health

**Beds and Housing**

- Mental Health Reconnect established to provide brokerage and outreach services to homeless youth and their families

**Information Management**

- Training package for Early Psychosis MH-OAT module commenced.

**OCTOBER****Bali Response**

- Bali response; Mental Health Services provided a systematic support response for people affected, families and the community
- Helpline established to provide immediate information and referral to Area Mental Health Services to respond to people affected by the Bali disaster

**Suicide Prevention**

- Policy Circular 98/31– Suicide Prevention One-Day Forum held for Area health staff responsible for implementation of the policy guidelines.

- State Rail one-day forum organised by State Rail, NSW Department of Transport, Rail Infrastructure Corporation and the Centre for Mental Health, held to explore and discuss the issues of mutual concern to address suicide prevention
- Australian data shows that the NSW suicide rate is at or below the Australian average. The Report of the Chief Health Officer 2002 shows that the NSW youth suicide rate in 1999 and 2000 was the lowest since the mid-1980s.

#### ***Parenting and Young People***

- Central Coast Area Health Service launched a resource and training kit to promote positive mental health in families

#### ***Information Management***

- Release of SCI MHOAT system v1.05 including ability to extract MHOAT data for delivery to the Commonwealth by December 2002
- By the end of October 2002 NSW had 100% of staff trained and 89% of services collecting data. These figures are averages across Areas.

### **NOVEMBER**

#### ***Rehabilitation***

- Launch of the final document frameworks; Housing and Accommodation Support for People with Mental Health Problems and Disorders and Rehabilitation for Mental Health and CDROM aimed to assist clinicians and consumers in current best practice and evidence base for rehabilitation in mental health

#### ***Workforce***

- Partnership to develop learning curriculum for rural general practitioners, between the Institute of Psychiatry, RANZCP and Rural General Practice Training Consortia commences

#### ***Families Consumers and Carers***

- Macquarie Hospital expo for mental health consumers and service providers

#### ***Aboriginal mental Health***

- Partnership between South East Sydney Area Mental Health Service and Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service, Women's Art Group present The Centre for Mental Health with the Artwork "Connections"

### **DECEMBER**

#### ***Beds and Housing***

- The new 16 bed non-acute unit at Bloomfield to open

### **EARLY 2003**

#### ***Workforce***

- Bed networks project due to formally commence
- Pilot of the first Teams of 2 module – Physical Health/Mental Health, February 200
- New England Area Health Service and the Barwon Division of General Practice will commence the pilot of it's telehealth initiative allowing GPs in Narrabri and Moree to case conference with a psychiatrist, February 2003
- Release of a book 'State of the Art', a compilation of practical examples of different approaches to local partnerships between mental health workers and general practitioners

# Appendix 2

## Submissions

## Submissions<sup>1104</sup>

No	Author	Published by Committee
1	Private and confidential	No
2	PRATT Ms Anne	No
3	SHEEDY Mr Jim	No
4	WILLIAMSON Mr David	No
5	MYJAVEC Mr Paul	No
6	MCNAUGHT Mr Don	No
7	Private and confidential	No
8	SMITH Mr Eric (Carers Lodge, Young Community Caring Group)	Yes
9	Private and confidential	No
10	Private and confidential	No
11	Office Of The State Coroner	Yes
12	CASEY Ms Desley	No
13	JOBLING Mr David	No
14	PIERCE Ms Emma	No
15	SWAN Dr H P	Yes
16	GARDINER Ms Fenella	Yes
17	DEANE Ms Colleen	No
18	Private and confidential	No
19	Private and confidential	No
20	FORD Mr Roger	No
21	DIXON Ms Barbara	No
22	NIELSSEN Dr Olav (Royal Aust & NZ College of Psychiatrists)	Yes
23	ALCOCK Mr Barry	Yes
24	FAIRFAX Miss Pia	No
25	JACKSON Ms Glenys	No
26	HALE Ms Amanda (Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre)	Yes
27	JAMES Ms Sharon	No
28	LIEBMANN Mr John Justin	No
29	BRIGHT Mrs Rita	No
30	CRIPPS Ms Sue (Director Charmian Clift Cottages)	Yes
31	HODSON Mr Craig	No

<sup>1104</sup> Supplementary submissions received are recorded within the original allocated submission number.

No	Author	Published by Committee
32	KINNINMENT Ms Pam	No
33	BULGIN Mr D A	No
34	STEWART Mr Tom	No
35	COOMBES Dr Bruce	Yes
36	BARRA Ms Louisa	No
37	GRAY Mr Peter	No
38	ANONYMOUS	No
39	CROSSINGHAM Ms Edna	No
40	BLEASDALE Ms Catherine	Yes
41	HUTTEN Mr Peter	No
42	Private and confidential	No
43	CHARLTON Ms Jean	Yes
44	QUESTED Mr James	No
45	ROGERS Ms Trish	No
46	HEAL Mr John	No
47	BLOOMFIELD Mr Greg	Yes
48	BRODATY Professor Henry	Yes
49	LORD Ms Lexie (Parents and Carers Mental Health Group)	No
50	COOPER Mrs Jean	No
51	ANONYMOUS	No
52	Australian Medical Association (NSW)	Yes
53	KILKEARY Mr Stephen	No
54	WOOLLEY Dr Judith	No
55	YATES Mr Pat	No
56	Private and confidential	No
57	BILLS Mr Bruce	No
58	Kempsey Mental Health Support Group	Yes
59	O'LEARY Mrs Carmel	No
60	Civil Chaplaincies Advisory Council	Yes
61	BEITL Ms Julia	No
62	NSW Council for Intellectual Disability	Yes
63	FLETT Ms Josie	No
64	Macksville Positive Living Skills Centre	Yes
65	Coffs Harbour Living Skills Centre	Yes
66	Private and confidential	No

<b>No</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Published by Committee</b>
67	SCOTT Mr Philip (Mid-North Coast Area Action Group)	Yes
68	BELL R.	No
69	ROWE Mr Graham	No
70	ROWE Ms Val	No
71	St Agnes Support Service	Yes
72	Private and confidential	No
73	Private and confidential	No
74	Private and confidential	No
75	Gethsemane Community	Yes
76	Northern Rivers Area Health Service	Yes
77	Mental Illness Education Australia (NSW)	Yes
78	UnitingCare	Yes
79	BAYLEY Ms Patricia	No
80	Alzheimer's Association NSW	Yes
81	BEVERLEY Ms Pamela	No
82	HAMILTONS Mr Thomass	No
83	Private and confidential	No
84	BARRA Ms Louisa	No
85	Parramatta Council	Yes
86	REGAN Ms Christine	No
87	FRANKLIN Ms Liz	No
88	Faculty Of Psychiatry Of Old Age (NSW)	Yes
89	Private and confidential	No
90	Illawarra A.R.A.F.M.I	Yes
91	Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation	Yes
92	STARLING Dr Jean (NSW faculty of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry)	Yes
93	The MaiWel Group	Yes
94	Private and confidential	No
95	PARSONS Mr Robert	No
96	Parramatta Mission	Yes
97	Life Activities	Yes
98	B. Miles Women's Housing Scheme	Yes
99	Macarthur Disability Network	Yes
100	Private and confidential	No

<b>No</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Published by Committee</b>
101	OLIVER Ms Margaret	No
102	Special Interest Group In Intellectual Disability of the RANZCP	Yes
103	Assoc of Relatives & Friends of the Mentally Ill (NSW)	Yes
104	Australia Consumers Association	Yes
105	The Compeer Program, St Vincent de Paul Society	Yes
106	Guardianship Tribunal	Yes
107	MARCHLEWSKI Mr Roman	Yes
108	Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Association Action for Mental Health	Yes
109	Partners of Veterans of Australia	Yes
110	Private and confidential	No
111	St George Community And Consumer Consultative Committee	Yes
112	Second Opinion Society Australia	Yes
113	Serenity NSW	Yes
114	Private and confidential	No
115	Private and confidential	No
116	Private and confidential	No
117	SIMPSON Ms Geraldine	No
118	REYNOLDS Mrs Leslee	No
119	Aboriginal Medical Service, Dharah Gibinj	Yes
120	Health Care Complaints Commission	Yes
121	Lake Macquarie Clubhouse	Yes
122	Mission Australia	Yes
123	JewishCare Family and Community Services	Yes
124	MONRO Mr James	No
125	Couselling And Retraining for Employment (CARE)	Yes
126	Northern Rivers Area Mental Health Council	Yes
127	Private and confidential	No
128	Northern Beaches Mental Health Support Group	Yes
129	WISEMAN Ms Dianne	No
130	Australian Association of Social Workers (NSW)	Yes
131	WALSH Ms Helen	No
132	SANE Australia	Yes
133	Anonymous	No
134	PICCOLI MP The Hon Adrian	Yes
135	MARSH Mr Chris	No

No	Author	Published by Committee
136	TWOHILL Ms Ros	No
137	OLIVER Ms Margaret	No
138	HINES Ms Christine	No
139	MARSH Ms Joy	No
140	Community Consultative Committee for Mental Health Services, Mid West Area, Bloomfield Hospital	Yes
141	Private and confidential	No
142	BOHM Ms Barbara	No
143	Society of St Vincent de Paul, State Council of NSW	Yes
144	BRERETON Mr Graham	No
145	BILLS Mr/Ms J	No
146	MCMAHON Mr John	No
147	THOMPSON Ms Helen	No
148	BAILEY Mr John	No
149	Port Macquarie Division of General Practice Ltd	Yes
150	HEYES Ms Cathy	No
151	Private and confidential	No
152	LORD Mrs Christine	No
153	NEWLING Mr William	No
154	WAGSTAFF Mrs Patricia	No
155	DOYLE Ms Maureen	No
156	MCDONALD Mr Ray	No
157	Private and confidential	No
158	Private and confidential	No
159	The Richmond Fellowship	Yes
160	NSW Aged Care Alliance Working Party (NCOSS)	Yes
161	REGAN Ms Christine (supplementary)	Yes
162	NSW Consumer Advisory Group	Yes
163	Northern beaches Consumer Network & Pioneer Clubhouse	Yes
164	Griffith Suicide Prevention & Support Group	Yes
165	BOHM Ms Barbara	No
166	Private and confidential	No
167	DAGGER Mrs Lyn	No
168	OLSEN Mr John	No
169	BROTHERTON Mrs Clare	No

<b>No</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Published by Committee</b>
170	MONRO Mr James	No
171	Mental Health Association NSW	Yes
172	Coalition for Appropriate Supported Accommodation (CASA)	Yes
173	Private and confidential	No
174	Whistleblowers Australia	Yes
175	Illawarra Legal Centre Tenant's Service	Yes
176	POWELL Ms Helen	No
177	RIDLEY Ms Dorothy	Yes
178	POWER Mr Paul	Yes
179	Disability Council of NSW	Yes
180	YOUNG Ms Lydia	No
181	LENNANE Dr Jean	Yes
182	St John of God Health Services	Yes
183	Uniting Care NSW.ACT	Yes
184	FOWLER Ms Gabriel	Yes
185	DEVESON Ms Anne	No
186	Association of Children's Welfare Agencies	Yes
187	South West Sydney Area Carer Network	Yes
188	Mission Australia NSW & ACT	Yes
189	National Association of Practising Psychiatrists	Yes
190	Illawarra Women's Health Service	Yes
191	Central West Women's Health Service	Yes
192	Council of Social Service of NSW (NCOSS)	Yes
193	WEBSTER AO Prof. Ian	Yes
194	Lifeline NSW	Yes
195	Private and confidential	No
196	Carers NSW	Yes
197	KORNER Dr Nils (ARAFMI NSW)	No
198	Shelter NSW	Yes
199	Private and confidential	No
200	KELLY Mr Warwick	No
201	CAMPBELL Mr Ted	Yes
202	GALVIN Ms Fran	Yes
203	BALDRY Dr Eileen	Yes
204	Country Women's Association of NSW	Yes

No	Author	Published by Committee
205	ZABAKS Ms Patricia	No
206	Salvation Army, Australian Eastern Territory	Yes
207	Medical Consumers Association	Yes
208	SEI Ms Christina	No
209	Comprehensive Area Service Psychiatrists (CASP)	Yes
210	BERRUTTI Ms Patricia	No
211	JACKSON Ms Leonie	No
212	New South Wales Nurses' Association	Yes
213	Private and confidential	No
214	NSW Association for Adolescent Health	Yes
215	Private and confidential	No
216	Mental Health Advocacy Service (Legal Aid)	Yes
217	Grafton ARAFMI	No
218	Mental Health Co-ordinating Council	Yes
219	Office of the Protective Commissioner	Yes
220	OAKES Ms Diane	No
221	Australian Mental health Suicide Consumer-Alliance (Club SPERANZA)	Yes
222	Private and confidential	No
223	CONNOLEY Mr Patrick & BRENNAN Ms Elizabeth	No
224	SCOTMAN Ms Gwen	No
225	CONNELLY Mr Julian	No
226	Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing	Yes
227	People with Disabilities (NSW)	Yes
228	NSW Transcultural Mental Health Centre	Yes
229	Private and confidential	No
230	The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (NSW Branch)	Yes
231	ROWNEY Ms Veronica	No
232	CARNE Mr Jonathan	Yes
233	CAMPBELL Dr Andrew (CASP)	Yes
234	HUNTT Mr Denis	No
235	Private and confidential	No
236	Mental Health Reconnect	Yes
237	SULIMA Mr/Ms JM	Yes

<b>No</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Published by Committee</b>
238	MIDDLETON Major Lyn	Yes
239	PUBLICK Mr Chris	Yes
240	WADE Ms Margaret	No
241	Life Activities (Newcastle NSW)	Yes
242	The Mental Health Network, Fairfield Health Forum	Yes
243	Shopfront Youth Legal Centre	Yes
244	STEPHAN Ms Jill	No
245	Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW	Yes
246	KIRKBY Ms Elisabeth	No
247	PATEMAN Mr & Mrs	Yes
248	VICKERY Mr Rick	Yes
249	The Women's Centre	Yes
250	OAKESHOTT MP Mr Robert	Yes
251	Men's Health Information and Resource Centre	Yes
252	STEEL Mr Grahame	Yes
253	CAMPBELL Mr Ted	Yes
254	Police Association of New South Wales	Yes
255	Office of the Public Guardian (NSW)	Yes
256	SMITH Mrs Patricia	No
257	TYACK Mrs Joy E	No
258	Australian & New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses	Yes
259	Women and Mental Health	Yes
260	D'ARRIETTA Mrs Rosemrie	No
261	Lithgow Family and Community Mental Health Support Group	Yes
262	Waromi Carer's Support Group	No
263	BARCLAY AM Dr William	Yes
264	RICHARDS Mr Douglas	No
265	Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW	Yes
266	Mental Health Review Tribunal	Yes
267	MCGREGOR Mr Robert	Yes
268	Centre for Health Service Development	Yes
269	GADDIN Ms Dianne	No
270	YOUNG Ms Lydia	No
271	VALDER Ms Kay, Official Visitor, Mulawa Correctional Centre	Yes
272	Freedom Pastoral Care	Yes

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273	SNOWDON Assoc Prof John	Yes
274	Waromi, Wentworth Area Relatives of the Mentally Ill	Yes
275	Australian Psychological Society Ltd	Yes
276	WEBSTER Mrs Patricia	No
277	ROSEN Dr Alan	Yes
278	WEBSTER Mr Allan	No
279	Alliance of NSW Divisions Ltd	Yes
280	BOETTCHER Dr Brian	Yes
281	ALLNUTT Dr Stephen	No
282	CLEMENTS Mrs Janet	No
283	CURBY Mrs J K	No
284	NUNN Prof Ken	No
285	Private & confidential	No
286	NSW Police Service	Yes
287	ALI Ms Pam	No
288	HARVEY Dr Peter	Yes
289	Citizens Commission on Human Rights (Church of Scientology)	Yes
290	Citizens Commission on Human Rights (Church of Scientology)	Yes
291	MADDEN Mr R & Mrs J	No
292	STRINGER Ms Sophie	No
293	ROSS Mrs Jillian	No
294	GOUCH Mr Alex	Yes
295	WALLEY Mrs Jenny	No
296	HATCH Mrs Tricia	No
297	McKesson Asia Pacific Pty Ltd	Yes
298	BLYDENSTEIN Mrs Kerrie P	No
299	ROCHE Mrs E	No
300	CARTER Mr John	No
301	Forensicare	Yes
302	Triple Care Farm	Yes
303	WIRTH Mr Robert	No

## Appendix 3

### Witnesses at hearings

## Witnesses at Hearings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Representative organisation/capacity</b>
<b>23 May 2002</b>	Sr Myree Harris	Society of St Vincent de Paul
	Ms Judith Ball	Society of St Vincent de Paul
	Mr Owen Rogers	Society of St Vincent de Paul
	Dr Robert Brooks	St John of God Hospital
	Dr Rupert Elliott	St John of God Hospital
	Dr Pieter Rossouw	St John of God Hospital
	Ms Michelle Thompson	St John of God Hospital
	Mr Peter Gates	Consumer Advisory Group, Mental Health
	Mr Douglas Holmes	Consumer Advisory Group, Mental Health
	Ms Gillian Church	Mental Health Association NSW
	Ms Leonie Manns	Mental Health Association NSW
	Dr Meg Smith OAM	Mental Health Association NSW
<b>28 May 2002</b>	Ms Diana Quian	Disability Council NSW
	Mr Donald Byrne	Disability Council NSW
	Ms Marika Kontellis	Disability Council NSW
	Ms Leonie Manns	Former Chair, Disability Council NSW
	Ms Helena O'Connell	New South Wales Council for Intellectual Disability
	Ms Jenna Bateman	Mental Health Co-ordinating Council
	Ms Joyce Said AM	Mental Health Co-ordinating Council
	Mr Phil Nadin	Mental Health Co-ordinating Council
	Prof Henry Brodaty	Academic Dept for Old Age Psychiatry, Prince of Wales Hospital
	Mr Anthony Brown	Men's Health Information Resource Centre
	Ms Christine Regan	NSW Aged Care Alliance (Council of Social Service of NSW)
Dr Jeffery Rowland	Australian Society Geriatric Medicine (NSW Branch)	
<b>29 May 2002</b>	Ms Leanne Elsworthy	B. Miles Women's Housing Scheme
	Ms Geral Wallwork	B. Miles Women's Housing Scheme
	Mr Fred Kong	Richmond Fellowship
	Mr Michael Sterry	Richmond Fellowship
	Mr Philip French	Shelter NSW
	Ms Hazel Blunden	Shelter NSW

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Representative organisation/capacity</b>
	Dr Jonathan Carne	Psychiatrist, National Association Practising Psychiatrists
	Dr Rachel Falk	Consultant Psychiatrist, National Association Practising Psychiatrists
	Mr Glen Ramos	National Association Practising Psychiatrists
	Sr Myree Harris	Coalition for Appropriately Supported Accommodation for People with Disabilities
<b>30 May 2002</b>	Dr William Barclay AM	Psychiatrist
	Dr Richard Matthews	NSW Corrections Health Service
	Dr Olav Nielssen	Forensic Psychiatrist (FRANZCP)
	Ms Nihal Danis	Mental Health Advocacy Service (Legal Aid)
	Mr Robert Wheeler	Mental Health Advocacy Service (Legal Aid)
	Dr Jonathan Carne	Forensic Psychiatrist
<b>31 May 2002</b>	Prof Ian Webster AO	Emeritus Professor, Medical Practitioner
	Dr Jean Lennane	Psychiatrist
<b>14 June 2002</b>	Mr Ian Ball	Police Association of NSW
	Ms Sandra Soldo	Police Association of NSW
	Mr Rodney Brabin	Mental Health Review Tribunal
	Mr Michael Sterry	Mental Health Review Tribunal
	Prof Duncan Chappell	Mental Health Review Tribunal
	Dr Allan Cala	Forensic Pathologist
	Dr Ella Sugo	Forensic Pathologist
<b>30 July 2002</b>	Dr Jean Starling	Chairperson, NSW Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
	Ms Georgie Ferrari	NSW Association for Adolescent Health
	Ms Margaret Veratau	Private citizen (NSW Association for Adolescent Health)
	Prof Kenneth Nunn	Area Director – Mental Health, The Children's Hospital, Westmead
	Ms Kate Adams	Professional Officer, NSW Nurses' Association
	Ms Petrusia Butrej	Professional Officer (Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator), NSW Nurses' Association
	Ms Susan Karpik	Nurse Manager, member of NSW Nurses' Association
	Mr John Lyons	Clinical Nurse Consultant, member of NSW Nurses' Association
	Mr Jeremy Masters	Australian & New Zealand College Mental Health Nurses

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Representative organisation/capacity</b>
	Mr Ian Wilson	Australian & New Zealand College Mental Health Nurses
<b>31 July 2002</b>	Mr Michael Roberts	Aboriginal Medical Service Dharah Gibinj (Casino)
	Ms Lexie Lord	Aboriginal Medical Service Dharah Gibinj (Casino)
	Ms Judith Meppem	Chief Nursing Officer, NSW Health
	Ms Ros Bragg	Council of Social Service of NSW
	Mr Tim Goodwin	Council of Social Service of NSW
	Mr Abd Malak	NSW Transcultural Mental Health Centre
	Mr Ted Quan	NSW Transcultural Mental Health Centre
<b>1 August 2002</b>	Mr Philip Scott	Court Liaison Clinician, Mid North Coast Area Health Service
	Mr Ted Campbell	Director, Mental Health, Port Macquarie Base Hospital
<b>8 August 2002</b>	Mr Chris Puplick	Privacy Commissioner, Privacy NSW
	Mr Robert Ramjan	Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW
	The Hon Frank Walker QC	Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW
	Dr Brian Boettcher	Forensic Psychiatrist
	Dr Michael Giuffrida	Forensic Psychiatrist
<b>12 August 2002</b>	Prof Beverley Raphael	Director, Centre for Mental Health, NSW Health
	Dr Stephen Allnutt	Forensic Psychiatrist
<b>8 October 2002</b>	Dr Jennifer Gray	Director, Drug Programs Bureau, NSW Health
	Dr Peter Harvey	Private Citizen and Official Visitor, Health Department Mental Hospitals
	Dr David McGrath	Psychologist and Acting Clinical Director, Drug Programs Bureau, NSW Health
	Dr Gregory Stewart	Chief Health Officer and Deputy Director-General, NSW Health

## Appendix 4

### Public forum participants

## Public forum speakers

Tony Humphrey	Sophie Jackson
Laurie Hallinan	Dorothy Ridley
Deborah Duthie	Jean Cooper
Rosemrie D'Arrietta	Fred Pateman
Patricia Zabaks	Robyn Leitch
Dianne Gaddin	John McLean
Patricia Webster	Stephen Kilkeary
John Liebmann	Julia Beitzl
Ray MacDonald	Pia Fairfax
Gillian Holt	Peter Hutten
Julian Connolly	Janette du Buisson Perrine
Eric Smith	Margaret Oliver
Patrick Connoley	Margaret Veratau
Elizabeth Brennan	

# Appendix 5

## Minutes of Proceedings

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## Minutes No. 1a

Tuesday, 22 January 2002  
at Parliament House, Sydney at 3.00 pm

### 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Breen	Mr Hatzistergos
Dr Chesterfield-Evans	Mr Moppett
Ms Fazio	Dr Pezzutti

### 2. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

The Clerk declared the meeting open and called for nominations for the Chair.

Mr Moppett nominated the Hon Dr Brian Pezzutti.

There being no other nominations, the Clerk declared Dr Pezzutti elected as Chair.

Dr Pezzutti took the Chair.

### 3. ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Dr Chesterfield-Evans moved:

1. That arrangements for the calling witnesses be left in the hands of the Chairman and the Clerk.
2. That media statements concerning the deliberations of the Committee be made only by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee.
3. That, unless otherwise ordered, parties appearing before the Committee will not be represented by members of the legal profession.
4. That, unless otherwise ordered, transcripts of evidence taken by the Committee be not made available to any person, body or organisation, provided that each witness will be given a proof copy of their evidence for correction and return to the Clerk.
5. That the Chairman and Clerk be empowered to request that funds be provided to meet expenses in connection with travel, accommodation, advertising and approved incidental expenses of the Committee, including additional staff.

Put and passed.

### 4. CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Committee resolved:

- to call for submissions by 4 April 2002;
- to publish the advertisement as previously circulated in the Sydney Morning Herald, Daily Telegraph, The Land and major regional newspapers and to request the Chair to issue a press release noting the call for submissions.

### 5. INVITATIONS TO STAKEHOLDERS

The Committee agreed that the Chair shall invite to make a submission the stakeholders in the list distributed and Consumers' Health Forum, Illawarra Institute for Mental Health, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Centre for Health Services Development, Consumer Consultative of all Area Health Services, Social Policy Research Centre, Compeer, Ambulance Service of NSW, AIDS Council of NSW, Hospital Emergency Departments, Area Health Service Alcohol and other Drug Services, Department of Community Services, Australian Medical Association, Institute of

Psychiatry, Youth Action Policy Association, Council for Intellectual Disability, Kempsey Shire Council, Coffs Harbour Shire Council, Anti-Discrimination Board, Hep C Council, Prison Officers Association, Police Association, Corrections Health Service, Beyond Blue, Challenge, friends of Stockton, friends of Bloomfield and community visitors.

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee agreed to seek a background briefing from the Department of Health.

Dr Pezzutti tabled the following papers:

- (a) Paper on Mandala Clinic Gosford
- (b) NAPP Briefing Paper – CBCM 4 December 2001-12-05, “The public mental health services in NSW – the clinicians’ perspective”
- (c) Mental Health Implementation Group *Mental Health Non-Acute Inpatient Services Plan: Draft Framework Version 2.31* dated June 2001
- (d) Beverly Raphael and Katrina Hasleton, “Mental Health reform in NSW and the NSW Government’s *Action Plan for Health*”, *HealthCover*, October-November 2001
- (e) correspondence from Patricia Bayley to Dr Pezzutti dated 5 November 2001
- (f) correspondence from the Schizophrenia Fellowship to Dr Pezzutti dated 14 November 2001.
- (g) correspondence from Ms Erika Inessa Tyconi
- (h) Mental Health Review Tribunal 2000 Annual Report

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4:00 pm until Thursday 9 May 2002 at 1:30 pm

**Russell Keith**

Clerk to the Committee

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### Minutes No. 1b<sup>1105</sup>

Wednesday, 20 March 2002  
at Parliament House, Sydney at 1.10 pm

## 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Breen  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans  
Ms Fazio

Mr Hatzistergos  
Mr Moppett  
Dr Pezzutti

## 2. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

The Clerk declared the meeting open and called for nominations for the Chair.

Mr Moppett nominated the Hon Dr Brian Pezzutti.

There being no other nominations, the Clerk declared Dr Pezzutti elected as Chair.

Dr Pezzutti took the Chair.

## 3. ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Mr Hatzistergos moved:

1. That arrangements for the calling witnesses be left in the hands of the Chairman and the Clerk.
2. That media statements concerning the deliberations of the Committee be made only by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee.
3. That, unless otherwise ordered, parties appearing before the Committee will not be represented by members of the legal profession.

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<sup>1105</sup> Minutes recommenced at No. 1 after prorogation of Parliament.

4. That, unless otherwise ordered, transcripts of evidence taken by the Committee be not made available to any person, body or organisation, provided that each witness will be given a proof copy of their evidence for correction and return to the Clerk.
5. That the Chairman and Clerk be empowered to request that funds be provided to meet expenses in connection with travel, accommodation, advertising and approved incidental expenses of the Committee, including additional staff.

Put and passed.

#### 4. INQUIRY PLANNING

The Committee discussed the conduct of the inquiry.

The Committee agreed to set aside dates for meetings until August.

The Committee agreed it wished to visit the Long Bay mental health facility.

#### Russell Keith

Clerk to the Committee

#### Minutes No. 2

Thursday 9 May 2002  
Room 1153, Parliament House at 1.30 pm

#### 1. Members Present

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)	Ms Fazio
Mr Breen	Mr Hatzistergos
Dr Chesterfield-Evans	Mr Moppett

#### 2. Confirmation Of Minutes

Resolved, on motion of Ms Fazio, that: the Minutes of meeting number 1 be confirmed.

#### 3. Inquiry Into Mental Health Services In New South Wales

The Committee discussed various matters in relation to future direction of the inquiry.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moppett, that: the Committee Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a proposal for a future hearing schedule.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee allocated the following dates for hearings: 23, 28, 29, 30 and 31 May 2002.

#### 4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2.15 pm until 9.30am, Thursday 23 May 2002, Room 814/815

#### Rob Stefanic

Director

#### Minutes No 3

Thursday 23 May 2002  
Room 814/815, Parliament House at 9.30 am

#### 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)	Ms Fazio
Mr Breen	Mr Moppett
Dr Chesterfield-Evans	

2. **APOLOGIES**

Mr Hatzistergos

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moppett, that: the Minutes of meeting number 2 be confirmed.

4. **INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That in accordance with the Resolution of the Legislative Council of 11 October 1994 the Committee authorizes the sound broadcasting and television broadcasting of its public proceedings held today.

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair welcomed the gallery and reminded the media of their obligation under Standing Order 252 of the Legislative Council in relation to evidence given before, and documents presented to the Committee. The Chair also distributed copies of the guidelines governing broadcast of proceedings.

Mr Owen Rogers, Executive Officer, New South Wales State Council, Society of St Vincent de Paul, Sr Myree Harris, President, State Advisory Committee for the Care of People with Mental Illness, Society of St Vincent de Paul and Judith Ball, Co-ordinator of the Compeer Program, Society of St Vincent de Paul, were sworn and examined.

Sr Myree Harris tendered several documents supporting her evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the documents.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Dr Rupert Elliott, Medical Practitioner, St John of God Hospital, Dr Pieter Rossouw, Program Consultant, Senior Clinical Psychologist, St John of God Hospital, Ms Michelle Thompson, Chief Executive Office, St John of God Health Services and Dr Robert Brooks, Research Psychologist, St John of God Health Services, were sworn and examined.

The media and public withdrew.

The Committee continued *in camera*.

The media and public were admitted.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr Peter Gates, Business Consultant, NSW Consumer Advisory Group and Mr Douglas Holmes, Executive Officer, NSW Consumer Advisory Group, were sworn and examined.

Mr Holmes tendered several documents supporting his evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the documents.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Dr Meg Smith, President, Mental Health Association NSW, Ms Gillian Church, Executive Director, Mental Health Association NSW and Ms Leonie Manns, Chairperson, Mental Health Association NSW, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Public hearing concluded, the media and public withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Chesterfield-Evans: That pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk to the Committee to publish submissions and corrected transcripts with the exception of documents or part documents identified as "confidential" or "not publicly available".

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4.40 pm until 9.30am Tuesday 28 May 2002 in Room 814/815.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

**Minutes No 4**

Tuesday 28 May 2002  
Room 814/815, Parliament House at 9.30 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Ms Fazio  
Mr Hatzistergos

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Breen

Mr Moppett

**3. INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

The public and media were admitted.

Ms Diana Qian, Acting Deputy Chairperson, Disability Council of NSW, Mr Donald Byrne, Executive Officer, Disability Council of NSW, Ms Leonie Manns, Former Chairperson, Disability Council of New South Wales and Ms Marika Kontellis, Counsellor, Disability Council of New South Wales, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Ms Helena O'Connell, Executive Officer, New South Wales Council for Intellectual Disability, was sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Ms Joyce Said, Executive Director, After Care, Chair, Mental Health Co-ordinating Council, Rozelle Hospital, Mr Phil Nadin, Deputy Chair, Mental Health Co-ordinating Council, Rozelle Hospital and Ms Jenna Bateman, Executive Officer, Mental Health Co-ordinating Council, Rozelle Hospital, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Prof Henry Brodaty, Professor of Psychogeriatrics, Academic Department for Old Age Psychiatry, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, was sworn and examined.

Prof Brodaty tendered several documents supporting his evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the documents.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Ms Christine Regan, Senior Policy Officer, New South Wales Aged Care Alliance, Dr Jeffrey Rowland, President, Australian Society for Geriatric Medicine, New South Wales Branch, and Mr Anthony Brown, Project Officer, Men's Health Information Resource Centre, University of Western Sydney, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4.10 pm until 29 May 2002

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

**Minutes No 5**

Wednesday 29 May 2002  
Jubilee Room, Parliament House at 10.00 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)  
Mr Breen  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Ms Fazio  
Mr Hatzistergos

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Moppett

**3. INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Ms Leanne Elsworthy, Co-ordinator, B. Miles Women's Housing Scheme, and Ms GERAL WALLWORK, Social Worker and Housing Support Worker, B. Miles Women's Housing Scheme, were sworn and examined.

Ms Elsworthy tabled a document supporting her evidence

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr Fred Kong, Chief Executive Officer, Richmond Fellowship of New South Wales and Michael Sterry, Counsellor and Board Member, Richmond Fellowship of New South Wales, were sworn and examined.

Mr Kong tabled documents supporting his evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the documents.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr Phillip French, Chairperson, Shelter New South Wales and Ms Hazel Blunden, Policy Officer, Shelter New South Wales, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Dr Jonathan Carne, Psychiatrist, Mr Glen Ramos, Assistant National Co-ordinator, National Association of Practising Psychiatrists and Dr Rachel Falk, Consultant Psychiatrist, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Sr Myree Harris, Convener, Coalition for Appropriate Supported Accommodation for People with Disabilities in New South Wales, previously sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Resolved, on motion of Ms Fazio: That uncorrected transcripts of evidence from hearings of this Committee, except *in camera* evidence, be made available to the public.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5.15 pm until 9.30am Thursday 30 May 2002.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

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**Minutes No. 6**

Thursday 30 May 2002  
Room 814/815, Parliament House at 9.30 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)  
Mr Breen  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Ms Fazio  
Mr Hatzistergos

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Moppett

**3. INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Dr William Barclay, Psychiatrist, Epping was sworn and examined

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Dr Richard Matthews, Medical Practitioner and Chief Executive Officer of Corrections Health Service was sworn and examined.

Dr Matthews tabled a document supporting his evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the document.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Dr Olav Nielssen, Psychiatrist, and Chairman, Forensic Section, New South Wales Branch, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, was sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Mr Robert Wheeler, Solicitor, Mental Health Advocacy Service (Legal Aid) and Ms Nihal Danis, Solicitor, Mental Health Advocacy Service (Legal Aid), were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Dr Jonathan Carne, Psychiatrist, previously sworn and examined.

Dr Carne tabled a document supporting his evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the document.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5.10 pm until 9.30 am Friday 31 May 2002.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

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**Minutes No 7**

Friday 31 May 2002  
Room 814/815, Parliament House at 9.30 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Mr Hatzistergos

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Breen  
Ms Fazio

Mr Moppett

**3. INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Prof Ian Webster, Emeritus Professor, Medical Practitioner, was sworn and examined

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Dr Jean Lennane, Psychiatrist, was sworn and examined.

Dr Lennane tabled documents supporting her evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the documents.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

The Chair tabled the following documents:

NSW Government, *Caring for People with Mental Illness, Response to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Report into the human rights of people with mental illness*, circa 1994

NSW Department of Health, Centre for Mental Health & NSW Police Service, *Memorandum of Understanding Between NSW Police and NSW Health*, June 1998

NSW Health Department, *Directory of Mental Health Services in NSW*, 1993

NSW Health Department, *Leading the Way – A Framework for NSW Mental Health Services 1991-2001*, 1993

The Chair proposed that the Committee conduct a further three hearings, a public forum, a site visit to Long Bay Correctional Complex and a study visit to a Victorian correctional facility.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1.30 pm until 10.00 am Friday 14 June 2002.

**Rob Stefanic**

Director

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**Minutes No 8**

Friday 14 June 2002

Jubilee Room, Parliament House at 10.00 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)

Mr Breen

Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Ms Fazio

Mr Hatzistergos

Ms Burnswoods (participating)

Mr West (participating)

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Moppett

**3. INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Mr Ian Ball, President and Ms Sandra Soldo, Project Officer from Police Association NSW, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Prof Duncan Chappell, President, Mr Michael Sterry, Deputy President and Mr Rodney Brabin, Registrar from the Mental Health Review Tribunal, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Dr Allan Cala, Staff Forensic Pathologist and Dr Ella Sugo, Staff Forensic Pathologist from the Department of Forensic Medicine, Central Sydney Laboratory Service, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2.45 pm.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

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#### Minutes No 9

Monday 29 July 2002

Long Bay Correctional Complex, Malabar NSW at 10.30 am

#### 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)	Ms Fazio
Mr Breen	Mr Jobling
Dr Chesterfield-Evans	

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Mr Hatzistergos

#### 3. SITE VISIT LONG BAY HOSPITAL, LONG BAY CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

Briefings were given and site visit conducted at the Long Bay Hospital, Long Bay Correctional Complex, Malabar by the following persons:

Dr Richard Matthews, Chief Executive Officer, Corrections Health Services  
Ms Anne Doherty, Acting Director, Mental Health, Corrections Health Services  
Mr Brian Kelly, Superintendent, Department of Corrective Services

Briefings were given and a site visit conducted at the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre and Mulawa Correctional Centre, Silverwater Complex by the following persons:

Dr Richard Matthews, Chief Executive Officer, Corrections Health Services  
Mr Brian Kelly, Superintendent, Department of Corrective Services  
Ms Lee Downes Governor, Mulawa Correctional Centre  
Ms Maxine McCarthy, Nursing Unit Manager, Mulawa Clinic  
Ms Sandra Kelly, Mental Health Nurse Mulawa  
Mr Don Rogers, Commander remand facilities, Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre  
Mr Charles MacKay, Programs Manager, Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5.30 pm until 9.30 am Tuesday 30 July 2002.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

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**Minutes No 10**

Tuesday 30 July 2002  
Room 814/815, Parliament House at 9.30 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)	Ms Fazio
Mr Breen	Mr Jobling
Dr Chesterfield-Evans	

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Hatzistergos

**3. INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Dr Jean Starling, Chair, NSW Faculty of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry was sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Ms Georgie Ferrari, Executive Officer, NSW Association for Adolescent Health and Ms Margaret Veratau, private citizen were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Prof Ken Nunn, Area Director - Mental Health, Children's Hospital Westmead was sworn and examined.

Prof Nunn tabled a document supporting his evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the document.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Ms Kate Adams, Professional Officer, NSW Nurses' Association, Ms Trish Butrej, Professional Officer – OH&S, NSW Nurses' Association, Ms Sue Karpik, Nurse Manager Mental Health Illawarra Area Health Service, NSW Nurses' Association, Mr John Lyons, Clinical Nurse Consultant (Coonabarrabran), NSW Nurses' Association were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr Jem Masters, NSW Branch President, Australian & New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses, Mr Ian Wilson, Practised Development Fellow, Professorial Mental Health Nursing Unit, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975 and under authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk to the Committee to publish documents tabled before the Committee during today's hearings.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4.00 pm until 10.00 am Wednesday 31 July 2002.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

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**Minutes No 11**

Wednesday 31 July 2002  
Jubilee Room, Parliament House at 10.00 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)	Ms Fazio
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Mr Breen  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Mr Jobling

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Hatzistergos

**3. INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Mr Michael Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Dharah Gibinj - Aboriginal Medical Service, Aboriginal Corporation (Casino) and Ms Lexie Lord, Volunteer, Dharah Gibinj - Aboriginal Medical Service were sworn and examined.

Mr Roberts tabled a document supporting his evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the document.

Ms Lord tabled a document supporting her evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the document.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Ms Judith Meppem, Chief Nursing Officer, NSW Health

Ms Meppem tabled a document supporting her evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the document.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Ms Ros Bragg, Deputy Director, Policy and Mr Tim Goodwin, Senior Policy Adviser from the Council of Social Service of New South Wales, were sworn and examined.

Mr Abd Malak, Director, and Mr Ted Quan, Representative, from the New South Wales Transcultural Mental Health Centre, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jobling: That pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk to the Committee to publish documents tabled before the Committee during today's hearings.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4.00 pm until 10.00am Thursday 1 August 2002.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

**Minutes No 12**

Thursday 1 August 2002  
Jubilee Room, Parliament House at 10.00 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)  
Mr Breen  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Ms Fazio  
Mr Jobling

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Hatzistergos

**3. INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Mr Phillip Scott, Court Liaison Clinician, Mid North Coast Area Action Group was sworn and examined.

Mr Scott tabled a document supporting his evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the document.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Mr Ted Campbell, Director, Mental Health, Port Macquarie Base Hospital was sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

The public and the media withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jobling: That pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk to the Committee to publish documents tabled before the Committee during today's hearings.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jobling: That the Chair write to the News Editor of the Daily Telegraph newspaper in relation to the news article by Anna Patty published on 1 August 2002 and stating that:

- the submission quoted from Dr Alan Cala has not been published by the Committee therefore unauthorised publication of the submission is a breach of parliamentary privilege
- the Daily Telegraph refrain from further references to Dr Cala's submission.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee undertake a site visit to Victoria for the purposes of examining Victoria's forensic and community services within the mental health system.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jobling: That the Chair submit a research travel proposal to the President for consideration and approval.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2.30 pm until 9.30 am on Wednesday 7 August 2002.

**Rob Stefanic**

Director

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**Minutes No 13**

Wednesday 7 August 2002  
Jubilee Room, Parliament House at 9.30 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)  
Mr Breen  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Ms Fazio  
Mr Hatzistergos

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Jobling

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement outlining procedural guidelines for the public forum and invited the following members of the public to participate in the public forum.

Tony Humphrey  
Laurie Hallinan  
Deborah Duthie  
Rosemrie D'Arrietta  
Patricia Zabaks  
Dianne Gaddin  
Patricia Webster  
John Liebmann  
Ray MacDonald  
Gillian Holt  
Julian Connolly  
Eric Smith  
Patrick Connoley  
Elizabeth Brennan

Sophie Jackson  
Dorothy Ridley  
Jean Cooper  
Fred Pateman  
Robyn Leitch  
John McLean  
Stephen Kilkeary  
Julia Beil  
Pia Fairfax  
Peter Hutten  
Janette du Buisson Perrine  
Margaret Oliver  
Margaret Veratau

Public forum concluded.

The public and the media withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the documents tabled by: Tony Humphrey, Laurie Hallinan, Diane Gaddin, Elizabeth Brennan, John McLean, Peter Hutten, Janette du Buisson Perrine and Margaret Oliver.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk to the Committee to publish submission numbers 177, 221 and 247.

The Committee noted that the author of "not publicly available" submission number 229 be now marked "confidential".

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4.15 pm until 9.30 am on Thursday 8 August 2002.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

#### Minutes No 14

Thursday 8 August 2002  
Room 814/815, Parliament House at 9.30 am

#### 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Ms Fazio  
Mr Jobling

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Mr Breen

Mr Hatzistergos

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARING

The public and media were admitted.

Mr Chris Puplick, Privacy Commissioner, Privacy NSW was sworn and examined

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Mr Robert Ramjan, Executive Director and the Hon Frank Walker QC, President, Schizophrenia Fellowship, were sworn and examined.

Mr Ramjan tabled documents supporting his evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Ms Fazio: That the Committee accept the documents.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Dr Michael Giuffrida, Director, Forensic Psychiatry, Westmead/Cumberland Hospital  
Dr Brian Boettcher, Senior Staff Forensic Psychiatrist, Forensic Psychiatry, Cumberland/Westmead Hospital.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4.00 pm until 10.00 am on Monday 12 August 2002.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

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**Minutes No 15**

Monday 12 August 2002  
Waratah Room, Parliament House at 10.00 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)	Ms Fazio
Mr Breen	Mr Jobling
Dr Chesterfield-Evans	

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Hatzistergos

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

The public and media were admitted.

Prof Beverley Raphael, Director, Centre for Mental Health, NSW Health was sworn and examined.

Prof Raphael tabled documents supporting her evidence.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the Committee accept the document.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Dr Stephen Allnutt, Clinical Director Forensic Psychiatry, Senior Forensic Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry University of NSW was sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Chair made a statement concerning the reports of two previous inquiries on mental health entitled, *Report from the Select Committee on the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek*, dated 21 October 1846 and *Report from the Commissioners of Inquiry on the Lunatic Asylums of New South Wales*, dated 6 June 1855.

The public and media withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on motion of Ms Fazio: That pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk to the Committee to publish:

- documents tabled before the Committee during today's hearings
- the speech notes tabled by Mr Petter Hutten during the Public Forum on 8 August 2002.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4.00 pm.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

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**Minutes No 16**

Monday 28 August 2002  
Room 1108, Parliament House at 1.00 pm

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)	Ms Fazio
Mr Breen	Mr Hatzistergos
Dr Chesterfield-Evans	Mr Jobling

**2. Mental Health Services in NSW**

The Chair submitted his draft report entitled “Mental Health Services in NSW – Interim Report”, which, having been circulated to each Member of the Committee, was accepted as having been read.

The Committee proceeded to consider the draft report.

Chapter 1 read.

Ms Fazio moved that paragraph 1.3 be deleted.

Question put.

The Committee divided:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nos</u>
Ms Fazio	Dr Pezzutti
Mr Hatzistergos	Dr Chesterfield-Evans
	Mr Jobling
	Mr Breen

Question resolved in the negative.

Chapter 1, as amended agreed to.

Chapter 2 read.

Resolved on the motion of Ms Fazio: That paragraph 2.7 be amended by deleting the word “concerns” and inserting the words “problems, which the Richmond Program encountered”.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling that paragraph 2.9 be amended by deleting the words “Around the time of the election of the Greiner Government”.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that paragraph 2.18 be amended by deleting the words “An increase in specialised treatment, car and facilities for specific groups and disorders such as drug and alcohol, the aged, adolescents and disability accompanied the move to community care”, and instead inserting, “Affiliated to this trend has been the advent of specialised treatment facilities, specifically for drug and alcohol disorders, adolescents, aged care and the such like”.

Chapter 2, as amended agreed to.

Chapter 3 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: That paragraph 3.3 be deleted and re-inserted under table 3.1.

Chapter 3, as amended agreed to.

Chapter 4 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: That second paragraph of introduction be amended by deleting the words “within the following subject areas”.

Resolved on the motion of Ms Fazio: That paragraph 4.4 be amended by inserting the words “inpatient and community based care” after the words “regional issues”.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: That paragraph 4.12 be amended by inserting the words “for people with a mental illness” after the words “New South Wales”.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That after paragraph 4.13, the following paragraph be inserted:

**“Part three – Mental illness and substance abuse (MISA)**

The inquiry has heard evidence that suggests that mental health and substance abuse (MISA) disorders frequently co-exist and their prevalence may be increasing. This chapter will consider funding issues, the current problems experienced by those with MISA in accessing mental health services and the difficulties in delivering mental health services to those with MISA.”

Resolved on the motion of Dr Pezzutti: That the heading above paragraph 4.16 be amended by inserting the words “(dual diagnosis)” after the word “Disability”.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That paragraph 4.20 be amended by deleting the words “The funding and provision of services for older people is split between the Commonwealth and the NSW Government”, and instead inserting the words “including the split between the Commonwealth and the NSW Government, and” after the words “allocation of funding”.

Chapter 4, as amended agreed to.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the draft report (as amended) be the Report of the Committee and that the Chairman, Director and Senior Project Officer be permitted to correct stylistic, typographical and grammatical errors.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: That the report, together with the transcripts of evidence, public submissions, documents and correspondence in relation to the inquiry, be tabled and made public.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2.20 pm, *sine die*.

**Bayne McKissock**  
Senior Project Officer

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**Minutes No 17**

Tuesday 8 October 2002  
Jubilee Room, Parliament House at 9.30 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans  
Mr Jobling

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Breen  
Ms Fazio  
Mr Hatzistergos

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

The public and media were admitted.

Dr Peter Harvey, retired medical practitioner, was sworn and examined

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Dr Greg Stewart, Chief Health Officer & Deputy Director, Dr Jennifer Gray, Director, Drug Programs Bureau, Dr David McGrath, Clinical Director, all from NSW Health, were sworn and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1.10 pm.

**Rob Stefanic**  
Director

**Minutes No 18**

Tuesday 26 November 2002  
Room 1136, Parliament House at 9.30 am

**1. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr Pezzutti (in the Chair)	Mr Hatzistergos
Mr Breen	Mr Jobling
Dr Chesterfield-Evans	

**2. APOLOGIES**

Ms Fazio

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jobling, that: the Minutes of meeting numbers 16 and 17 be confirmed.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

The Chair submitted his draft report entitled "Mental Health Services in NSW – Final Report", which, having been circulated to each Member of the Committee, was accepted as having been read.

The Committee proceeded to consider the draft report.

Chapter 1 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that the Committee Secretariat be permitted to correct stylistic, typographical and grammatical errors.

Chapter 1, as amended, agreed to.

Chapter 2 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that after paragraph 2.19 insert the following paragraph:

The *Mental Health Act 1990* was the first Act in NSW to define mental illness in legislation. The basis of the definition was symptoms and signs, rather than a delineation between functional and organic disorders. The Act made significant steps forward from the *Mental Health Act 1958* (which had replaced the *Lunacy Act 1898*) through the following:

- alternatives to compulsory hospital treatment such as community counselling orders and community treatment orders
- a distinct preference for community care
- the principle of 'least restrictive care'
- an extensive statement of the legal rights of people thought to be mentally ill or disordered.

The *Mental Health Act 1990* was reviewed in 1992 by the Mental Health Act Implementation Monitoring Committee, and found to be an effective, humane piece of legislation

Chapter 2, as amended, agreed to.

Chapter 3 read.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: that all words in the introduction to chapter 3 be deleted and instead insert:

The Committee received a significant number of comprehensive submissions from government and non-government mental health service providers, and family and carers in New South Wales. This chapter provides a snapshot of the mental health sector in NSW, as presented to the Committee.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that after paragraph 3.8 insert the following line:

Public sector mental health services are identified below, and discussed briefly. Detailed discussion on these providers will occur in the following chapters.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: that paragraph 3.19 be deleted and insert instead:

In *Crime Prevention through Social Support - Second Report* the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law and Justice reported that forensic patients are often under the care of CHS by default. The report quoted that a local magistrate had:

sent people to jail because it was the only place they could receive proper treatment programs for the mental illness which was greatly contributing to their offending. At a conference, the same magistrate also spoke of having to wait 9 weeks for a psychiatric assessment, leading to defendants with a mental illness being held on remand because of lack of alternative facilities.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that paragraph 3.25 and 3.26 be deleted and insert instead:

The NSW Government and the Commonwealth Government are both signatories to the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP), which provides transitional, supported accommodation to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The NSW Department of Housing has a Crisis Accommodation Program and is part of the interagency Partnerships Against Homelessness. The Office of Community Housing has established five mental health projects in partnership with various area mental health services providing 19 units of accommodation, 12 of which are in non-metropolitan or rural areas.

The funding for SAAP is allocated to more than 400 services provided by non-government organisations. SAAP services provide support such as outreach, advocacy and living skills development. They also link people to other services such as health and aged care. Agencies on the SAAP Committee include the Departments of Housing, NSW Health, Ageing and Disability, Fair Trading, Corrective Services, Women, Juvenile Justice, and Department of Community Services.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that after paragraph 3.29 insert the following paragraph:

Submissions to the inquiry also described other housing options for people with a mental illness, including various supported accommodation models and boarding houses.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that: paragraph 3.50 be deleted.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph 3.57:

The Committee notes that decisions relating to the appointment of guardians (including enduring guardians) can now be reviewed by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal under *The Guardianship and Protected Estates Legislation Amendment Act 2002*. This legislation will further protect the rights of people with a mental illness wishing to appoint guardians.

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that paragraph 3.75 onwards be deleted and insert instead, the following paragraph and recommendations:

The Committee views the creation of the Office of Mental Health under the Premier's Department as adding another layer of complexity in governance issues. The main problems appear to be in delivery of clinical services. Accordingly, the following recommendations are made:

Recommendation #

That NSW Health be identified as the lead agency to provide advice and coordination of mental health services in NSW.

Recommendation #

That the Minister for Health ensure that greater resources, support and power be applied through NSW Health mental health services coordinated through the Centre for Mental Health.

Question put

The Committee divided:

Ayes

Mr Hatzistergos

NosMr Breen  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans  
Mr Jobling  
Dr Pezzutti

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 1 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead:

## Recommendation#

That the Premier of New South Wales establishes an Office of Mental Health in the Premier's Department. The Office of Mental Health should provide integrated government advice and coordination of mental health services in NSW, to coordinate effectively the:

- Department of Housing
- Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- NSW Health
- NSW Police
- Attorney General's Department
- non-government organisations and community service providers

## Recommendation#

That the proposed Office of Mental Health be adequately funded and resourced for a period of 5 years. At the end of this period its functions, objectives and continuation should be reviewed.

Chapter 3, as amended, agreed to.

Chapter 4 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that the following line be inserted after paragraph 4.16:

The Committee notes that the Sentinel Review Committee, chaired by Prof Peter Baume, is reviewing this issue. The Minister for Health may satisfy Recommendation # by extending the Sentinel Review Committee's terms of reference.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 2 be amended by inserting after the last line, "This information should be made available publicly."

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 3 be deleted.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that the relevant sections of the *Health Services Act* in recommendation 4 be footnoted.

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 5 be deleted and the following recommendations inserted instead:

## Recommendation#

That the Minister for Health ensures additional resources are made available for appropriate and effective community mental health programs tailored to the needs of the individual.

## Recommendation#

That the Minister for Health provide longterm recurrent funding to support a range of appropriate community based mental health programs including Assertive Community Treatment for those patients for whom it is appropriate.

Question put.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that the heading before paragraph 4.85 be amended by deleting the words and inserting instead: "Rozelle Hospital – a place of asylum".

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that the heading before paragraph 4.86 be deleted.

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 9 be deleted and the following recommendation inserted instead:

That NSW Health should increase and fund medium to long term rehabilitation services in appropriate facilities including community and hospital settings and involving the expertise of NGO agencies. Hospital facilities should be at Concord Hospital with carefully planned appropriate rehabilitation services.

Question put.

Question resolved in the negative.

Moved by Jobling: that recommendation 9 be amended by deleting the last sentence.

The Committee divided:

Ayes

Mr Hatzistergos

Mr Jobling

Nos

Mr Breen

Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Dr Pezzutti

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that the following recommendation be inserted after recommendation 9:

That NSW Health increase the number of long term rehabilitation facilities for people with a mental illness in appropriate settings

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendations 11 and 12 be amended by deleting the words "Office of Mental Health" and inserting instead, "NSW Health".

Question put.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that paragraph 4.115 be amended by deleting the last sentence and inserting instead:

Any issues of privacy must be interpreted in a constructive manner so as to ensure the information needs of consumers, carers and families are met. (see Chapter 6)

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that: the following recommendation be inserted after recommendation 13:

That carers be included in discussions for determining assertive care plans and Community Treatment Orders.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that paragraphs 13.117 – 13.133 and Recommendation 20 be inserted at the end of Chapter 4.

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that point 1 in recommendation 20 after paragraph 13.133 be deleted

Question put.

Question resolved in the negative.

Chapter 4, as amended, agreed to.

Chapter 5 read.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that: the following note to Table 5.1 be inserted:

The Committee did not seek data earlier than 1992. The introduction of accrual accounting in all departments from 1990 to 1991 would make comparisons difficult with financial reports earlier than this period.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that: the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph 5.22:

In contrast, the National Mental Health Report 2002 noted that Victoria, which had the highest expenditure on NGOs:

continued as the leading State in the extent of structural reform, with resource distribution greater than all other jurisdictions combined. [There was a] 128% increase in expenditure on community based services since 1992-1993...[The] reduction in inpatient beds was more than offset by the development of alternative community based residential units.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 6 be amended by inserting at the end, "The performance against these Key Performance Indicators should be reported in each Area Health Service annual report."

Chapter 5, as amended agreed to.

Chapter 6 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph 6.16:

The Committee notes that decisions relating to the appointment of guardians (including enduring guardians) can now be reviewed by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal under the Guardianship and Protected Estates Legislation Amendment Act 2002. This legislation would further protect the rights of people with a mental illness wishing to appoint guardians as per the Committee's recommendations.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 1 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead:

That the Minister for Health and the Attorney General review the Guardianship Act 1987 with respect to people who suffer severe and/or episodic mental illnesses during which they are not capable of making informed consent. This review should include the possibility of enduring guardianship.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Breen: that recommendation 7 be deleted.

Chapter 6, as amended, agreed to.

Chapter 7 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Breen that: the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph 7.9:

Ms Elsworthy noted her own experiences in the community sector following the release of the Richmond Report: Before this job I worked as the Co-ordinator at Randwick Information and Community Centre for five years, which was the community centre for the lower end of the eastern suburbs... A number of people came to see me in my position there, people living on housing estates who were pulling their hair out because of disputes, complaints, threats and violence. It all happened post Richmond. It was all a consequence of the Richmond Report... I went there in the late 1980s and I was there for five years. It was all because people were being shunted out

Resolved on the motion of Mr Breen that: recommendation 1 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead:

That the Minister for Health increase the number of supported accommodation places for people with mental disorders in NSW from 1,635 to 2,635 over the next two years, and that an average of 12 adult beds per 100,000 are for 24-hour a day high level supported residential services.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Breen: that recommendation 2 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead.

That NSW Health match the level of funding for 24 hour supported accommodation packages for people with psychiatric disabilities provided by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 4 be amended by deleting the words "Office of Mental Health" and inserting instead, "NSW Health".

Question put.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that paragraphs 7.72 - 7.75 be inserted after paragraph 7.38 and that paragraph 7.76 be inserted after paragraph 7.29.

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 15 be amended by deleting the words "Office of Mental Health" and inserting instead, "NSW Health".

Question put.

Question resolved in the negative.

Chapter 7, as amended, agreed to.

Chapter 8 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that Chapter 7, Cultural and indigenous issues, be divided into separate chapters for "Multicultural issues" and "Indigenous issues".

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that: recommendation 11 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead:

That the Minister for Health provide at least three fully funded scholarships for psychiatric nurses undertaking the proposed post-graduate module in Aboriginal Mental Health on an annual basis.

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 12 be amended by deleting all words after "services" and insert instead, "be involved, with the consent of the patient, once an ATSI person is admitted to hospital for psychiatric care and later when discharged"

The Committee divided:

Ayes

Mr Breen  
Mr Hatzistergos  
Mr Jobling  
Dr Pezzutti

Nos

Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Question put and passed.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: that the following paragraph be inserted after recommendation 12:

While the Committee did not receive specific evidence regarding the mental health of ATSI people in prison, the Committee notes with concern recent Australian Bureau of Statistics figures indicating an 8% increase in the number of indigenous prisoners in the total prison population in NSW. The Committee is well aware that the issue of suicide in custody was comprehensively covered in the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. Preventing ATSI people with mental health problems coming into contact with the criminal justice system is vital. Court diversionary programs for people with a mental illness are considered in Chapter 14.

Chapter 8, as amended, agreed to.

Chapter 9 read.

Moved by Dr Chesterfield-Evans: that paragraph 9.54 be amended by deleting the words "has no issue" in the second sentence and inserting instead "expresses concern" and inserting at the end "in terms of coordinated service delivery".

The Committee divided:

Ayes

Mr Breen  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans  
Mr Jobling  
Dr Pezzutti

Nos

Mr Hatzistergos

Question put and passed.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that paragraph 9.75 be amended by deleting the first sentence and inserting instead "The Committee supports the integration of service provision under the one organisation".

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 1 be amended by deleting the words "transfer an adequate component of the NSW Health drug and alcohol budget" and inserting instead "provide additional funding".

Chapter 9, as amended agreed to.

Chapter 10 read.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that: paragraph 10.10 be amended by deleting all words after the first sentence and inserting instead the following quote:

The number of persons in Australia with intellectual disability is estimated as 1.5% of 18 million = 270,000, and 36% have a psychiatric disorder, then the number of persons with both intellectual disability and psychiatric disorder is 36% of 270,000 = 97,200. If one psychiatrist is required to serve 1,800 patients, then the number of psychiatrists required is 97,000 divided by 1,800 = 54.

This estimate rests on a number of assumptions, namely: a conservative estimate of the prevalence of intellectual disability; a conservative estimate of the proportion of this group with severe mental disorder; an assumption that the required amount of input from psychiatrists is equivalent to that for the community of psychiatric patients as a whole. The complexities of presentations might suggest a greater requirement for psychiatrists' time.

Chapter 10, as amended, agreed to.

Chapter 11 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 4 be amended by deleting all words in the last point and inserting instead, "timelines for achievements with annual reporting requirements"

Chapter 11, as amended agreed to.

Chapter 12 read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 4 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead:

That the Minister for Health, in relation to people who have attempted suicide and been admitted to hospital as mentally disordered:

- propose the *Mental Health Act 1990* be amended to require a post-discharge assessment appointment
- the appointment be allocated and the patient informed of the appointment and
- the assessment be conducted within 5 days of discharge.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 10 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead:

That the NSW Department of Education and Training and non-government service providers develop and provide specialist, supported and task-focused vocational and employment training programs for young people with a mental illness in consultation with NSW Health. The programs should focus on young people with varying degrees of cognitive, social or communication difficulties secondary to mental illness who may not succeed in mainstream training programs or paid employment.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: that recommendation 12 be amended by inserting at the end, "to improve the availability of specialist psychiatric services".

Chapter 12, as amended, agreed to.

Chapter 13 read.

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 2 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead, the following:

That additional funding be provided to increase training for ambulance staff and NSW Police to manage people with mental health problems and that this be supported by the renewed Memorandum of Understanding.

Question put

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 4 be amended by inserting the words "as signatories" after the word "include".

Moved by Jobling: that recommendation 5 be amended by inserting the words "proposed Office of Mental Health within the" after the word "the" where it first appears.

The Committee divided:

Ayes

Mr Breen  
Dr Chesterfield-Evans  
Mr Jobling  
Dr Pezzutti

Nos

Mr Hatzistergos

Question put and passed.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 8 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead, the following words:

That the Minister provide funding to NSW Health to increase specialist mental health staff so that hospitals can manage the detention and care of a person presented by police under s 21, 22 and 24 of the *Mental Health Act 1990*. Staffing levels should reflect the intensity of care.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 9 be amended by deleting the words “partnership for the case management” and inserting the words “specialised program for the care”.

Mr Hatzistergos made a statement noting his objection to the proposed Office of Mental Health in recommendation 9.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 10 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead:

That the Minister for Health ensure that the contracts for employment of consultant psychiatrists with Corrections Health Service require them to only address patient treatment related needs.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that the following recommendation be inserted after recommendation 10:

That the Minister for Health increase funding to employ additional psychiatrists to meet the increased forensic mental health assessment, consultation and treatment needs.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 11 be amended by deleting all words in bullet points and inserting instead:

- \* clarification of the responsibility of clinical services in the monitoring and reporting of clinical supervision, including the role of the Mental Health Review Tribunal in monitoring progress and
- \* clarification of formal procedures for managing breaches of release conditions

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that recommendation 14 be amended by deleting all words and inserting instead:

That the Minister for Health ensure that there is sufficient minimum security accommodation to avoid undue detention of patients in medium security units.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos: that the following recommendation be inserted after recommendation 17:

That the Minister for Health fund a secure forensic mental health facility for women.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: that recommendation 19 be amended by inserting the words “and medium” after the word “maximum”.

Moved by Mr Hatzistergos: that all paragraphs after 13.165 be deleted and insert instead, the following recommendation:

That the Minister for Health should establish a State Director of Forensic Mental Health with Corrections Health with linkages to the Centre for Mental Health.

Question put.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that recommendation 22 be amended by inserting at the end of the first point, “including court liaison services and court reports”.

Chapter 13, as amended, agreed to.

Appendices read

Resolved on the motion of Mr Jobling: that Appendix 1 be amended by inserting the words “without comment” at the end of the second paragraph.

Appendices, as amended, agreed to.

Moved by of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: that the following recommendation be inserted as the first recommendation of the report:

There must be graded community support systems for people with mental health problems. This support system should be generic and across all aspects of life, with specialised expertise available if required.

This community support should be the norm and institutions only brought in to cover areas that community support cannot manage.

The Committee divided:

Ayes

Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Nos

Mr Breen  
Mr Hatzistergos  
Mr Jobling  
Dr Pezzutti

Question resolved in the negative.

Mr Hatzistergos, by leave, made the following statement on behalf of the Government Members on the Committee:

The Government members support the current strategies of the NSW Government to provide a modern mental health system which prioritises direct services for patients. As a consequence, we believe that additional resources should target services rather than setting up additional bureaucracies. For this reason we do not support the establishment of an Office of Mental Health under the Premier's department. Any future additional resources should be prioritised to patient services in areas which have been historically under-resourced including Western Sydney, the Central Coast and the North Coast.

At the same time Government members oppose the establishment of Rozelle Hospital as "an asylum for the mentally ill". Putting mentally ill people in asylums is an outmoded practice which is not supported by the World Health Organisation. Our preferred approach is to increase long-term rehabilitation services in appropriate facilities, including community and hospital settings and involving the expertise of non-government agencies. Hospital facilities from Rozelle should be moved to an up to date facility at Concord Hospital. We note that this is the current approach of the Government with construction of a new mental health facility at Concord Hospital to commence shortly. The Government's plan also includes legislation which will preserve Callan Park as a public park.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Jobling: that the final report of the Select Committee on Mental Health, as amended, be adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Jobling: that the final report be signed by the Chair and presented to the House in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution of the House.

Resolved, on motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans: that pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the report, submissions, corrected transcripts, and related documents and material with the exception of documents identified as "confidential" or "not publicly available".

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5.00 pm.

**Rob Stefanic**

Director