

**Summary of key issues discussed at
1 April 2015, CEO Round
Table Committee Meeting**



Committee members present:

Marcus Stafford (Chair), Julie Waylen, Paul Coates, Sue Ash, David Hogg, Justine Colyer, Fiona Beermier, Matt Burrows, Rob Holmes, Debbie Karasinski, Ron Chalmers

Apologies:

Yvonne Parnell, Tony Vis, Darren Ginnelly and Leanne Pearman

In attendance:

Robyn McWaldron and Denise Berry (minutes)

‘Change Places’ – Adult change facilities in public places

R Chalmers advised:

- The Commission will be allocating approximately \$2 million to the Change Places initiative. This will enable adult change facilities to be established in public places in Perth and in some regional areas. The DSC will be partnering with WALGA on this initiative. Local Government authorities will be asked to contribute a one-third share of the purchase price of the adult change facilities.
- The Commission will be seeking input from NDS (WA) to progress this initiative.

Surviving Cogworld? A brief discussion on a paper recently released by John O’Brien- Supporting People with Developmental Disabilities in a Mechanistic System

Refer to the attached paper for further details relating to this item.



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Round Table members engaged in a wide ranging discussion on the many issues raised in the Cogworld paper.

It was generally agreed that many of the issues had relevance for the reform process in disability services in Western Australia.

South West Wheels

R McWaldron provided the following overview in relation to the South West Wheels project.

- The Commission has partnered with the Western Australian Motor Industry Foundation to develop and implement a supplementary transport/mobility model in the Lower South West by 1 July 2015. This will be known as 'South West Wheels'.
- The vehicle pool will be available to all individuals that are participating in the WA NDIS My Way trial in the Lower South West.

This includes:

- individuals that are supported by a Disability Sector Organisation that has a service agreement in place with the Disability Services Commission;
- individuals that are self-managing their supports and services; and
- individuals that do not have funding, but who have a plan.

The role of South West Wheels will include:

- Procurement of 20 pool vehicles: four modified to each carry one wheelchair; four modified to each carry two wheelchairs and twelve (12) non-modified.
- Vehicles will be garaged at identified 'hubs' throughout the trial site allowing for flexible use and pick-up/drop off throughout the region. The locations will include Busselton, Margaret River, Manjimup and Donnybrook.
- The vehicle pool will operate on a seven-day a week service from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Flexibility will be provided to users that require vehicles being booked overnight.
- A fully automated online booking system will be developed and made available to enable users to view and book vehicles online and receive an automatic confirmation of their booking. The WA Motor Industry Foundation is currently investigating using a Rental Car Manager System (off the shelf) which will include some customisation.
 - The system will include drop down selections for hub locations, vehicle types, locations, users and other key information regarding the purpose of the travel etc.
 - All users (DSOs, individuals or their representative) of the trial will need to be registered and approved by the Program. Individuals/DSOs will be required to sign a Vehicle Agreement which includes a declaration form. This confirms that DSOs and/or individuals (or their representative) have met the requirements for licensing and insurance purposes.
 - DSOs will be required to register their support workers by completing the declaration form within the vehicle agreement. The form will include the Support Workers name, driver's licence, expiry date and signature. Once users have been registered, they will be able to click on their name under the relevant DSO tab on the booking system.
 - South West Wheels will be developing a website interface for users to access the system.
- A Program Coordinator will be engaged by South West Wheels to coordinate the day-to-day aspects of the pool.

- Fleet Coordinator/s will be engaged to coordinate the day-to-day running of the Hubs in the four locations.
 - South West Wheels is currently exploring options with a number of service station outlets across the four locations.
- There will be no charge for access to the vehicle pool, but all individuals/DSOs accessing the vehicle pool will be charged the Australian Taxation Office vehicle rate for fuel used. Invoices will be sent to DSOs/individuals on a monthly basis.
- Where pool vehicles are to be used for distances that exceed 50 kilometres from the individual's local area, special approval will be required.
 - Where individuals receive a mobility allowance for transport support, they will use this funding in the first instance to support their activity, as is usual practice within WA NDIS My Way.
 - DSOs will continue to work in accordance with their service agreement obligations and the WA NDIS My Way Support Clusters Lower South West 2014-15 Pricing Arrangement Framework.

R McWaldron also advised once the fleet coordinators have been confirmed and the booking system further developed, information sessions will be held with respective parties in the Lower South West to further outline how the vehicle pool will operate. Fact Sheets will be developed for DSOs, individuals, families and carers together with other marketing material.

Status Report – NDIS My Way

Pricing

R Chalmers provided the attached paper on support cluster and pricing framework matters.



Support cluster & pricing framework.pdf

Key issues raised by members for further consideration by the Commission:

- DSOs really appreciate the open dialogue and partnership approach by the Commission, real point of difference with NDIA.
- Why do we have such a range in packages prices?
- How is the pricing range being determined, and what is true pricing?

Readiness for trial commencement in Cockburn-Kwinana

H Nys provided the following overview in relation to the readiness for trial commencement in Cockburn-Kwinana.

- WA NDIS My Way Cockburn-Kwinana commences 1 July 2015.
- Need to develop plans for people receiving funded services but not currently connected with My Way Coordinators. This is essential to ensure continuity of services and that the funding is reflected in the NDIS accounts post July 1.
- Currently have 600 people with plans.
- The target is 1049 by the end of September.

Operational Plan for NDIS My Way

R Chalmers advised:

- All other states and territories are starting to develop operational plans for the full roll out of the NDIS. Every state will be different.
- WA will be working collaboratively with senior officers from the Department of Premier and Cabinet and Department of Treasury to develop options and models for the future roll out of disability services in WA.
- The Commission will be working intensely on this task over the next three months and will be seeking to work collaboratively and appropriately with NDS (WA) and other element of the disability sector.

CEO Round Table Administration

A secret ballot was conducted at the meeting for the Chair and Deputy Chair positions. The outcome of the voting process is as follows:

- Marcus Stafford was re-appointed as the Chair for a further two year term.
- Sue Ash was appointed as Deputy Chair for a two year term.