

**Summary of key issues discussed at  
9 February 2016, CEO Round  
Table Committee Meeting**



**1. Attendance, apologies, welcome and opening of meeting.**

**Present**

Marcus Stafford (Chair), Julie Waylen, Sue Ash, Justine Colyer, Fiona Beermier, Matt Burrows, Darren Ginnelly, Ron Chalmers, David Hogg, Leanne Pearman, Debbie Karasinski, Tony Vis.

**Apologies**

Rob Holmes and Paul Coates.

**In attendance**

Robyn McWaldron and Anna Rasmussen (minutes)

**2. National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) update:**

R Chalmers advised:

- A decision between the state and commonwealth governments is yet to be made. The trials have now been in operation for three quarters of the life of the original agreement and we are now less than five months out from the formal conclusion of the trial.
- The NDIS trial currently holds 2,058 people, including the majority of high cost people, and is tracking below average package costs. To date, the NDIA Perth Hills trial has not transitioned in many people with high support needs and yet the average package cost appears to be high.
- In October 2015, when senior commonwealth public servants visited the Disability Services Commission, they were presented with a draft Heads of Agreement to outline a preferred joint government arrangement with a local operational model for WA. The proposed model may be a combination of the best elements of both the NDIS and NDIA models currently operating in WA. The Minister has announced support for this combined model.
- The comparative evaluation and business analysis around the systematic elements of the NDIS and NDIA models has been completed. The report should be released in the near future.
- The sixth Quarterly Report has been released and is available on the DSC website, highlighting achievements up to December 2015.
- There are 36 service providers in the Lower South West and 80 in Cockburn-Kwinana. So far there have been three registered appeals, of which two have seen the original decision upheld. Trial evaluations continue to be favourable.

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

- Concerns were raised around timelines for decision making about the NDIS in WA as June 30 2016 sees the end of legislation for the NDIS/NDIA trials. Members queried whether the trial would continue from June 30 and R Chalmers advised that clawback would be unlikely and regardless of what the WA model may be the intent remains to move away from CAP towards individualised funding.
- In regards to the sector, J Waylen noted that the commitment of the Premier to NDIS has reassured the sector whilst decisions are being made about what happens after 30 June 2016. M Burrows advised that therapists are strained working across the three current models, with families beginning to query future developments. D Karasinski mentioned the administrative burden of the NDIS.
- Members discussed and agreed that M Stafford send correspondence to Minister Porter's office querying the future direction of the WA model. R Chalmers advised that Minister Porter is visiting both trial sites in March 2016.
- J Waylen raised concerns about interpretations that people within the trial are receiving less in their packages. R Chalmers advised that the average package price for plans is ~\$34,867 per person, with more than 100 people in the scheme in full plans that have no funding. Actuaries note that there is no evidence of people receiving less.
- R Chalmers advised that the NDIS My Way and NDIA Perth Hills trials are currently running under target numbers with the Lower South West region servicing under 1000 people despite having acquired all those eligible for the trials. As the WA trials progress the initial estimate of people with disability as 11% of the nation actually seems closer to 8.2%, meaning a large difference for financial estimates. J Waylen queried whether this would result in flow-on consequences for funding and noted that the "national efficient cost" sits much lower than that of Western Australia. Members agreed that providing a pricing framework that best suits people with disability in Western Australia is paramount.

## 11. Presentation of the WA NDIS on-line management system:

- A PowerPoint presentation on the system developed by the WA NDIS Actuaries was presented by Michael Carroll of DSC. 25 CEOs from various disability sector organisations were invited to view the presentation.
- Please refer to the attached Power Point presentation for further details relating to this item.



CEO Round Table -  
Business Intelligence

The following attachment was handed out by Ron Chalmers and covers the key priorities for disability service throughout 2016.



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