


Refugee Health Partnerships Advisory Group Qld

Summary from meeting held Tuesday 31st July 2018

Representatives from: QPASTT, Metro South Refugee Health Service, Brisbane South PHN, Mater Refugee Health Service, Qld Health – Mental Health, QUT, MDA Ltd, ACCESS Community Services Inc, DSS, MAQ, Qld Health - Communicable Diseases Branch, Qld Health – Strategic Policy Unit, Australian Red Cross, St Vincent’s Hospital, RHNQ, Ipswich HHS, Cairns Refugee Health Service, Brisbane North PHN, Townsville Refugee Health Service, Toowoomba – Kobi House

Settlement Data	
Qld Settlement Data	State-wide Data Report : www.refugeehealthnetworkqld.org.au/settlement-data/
Region and state-wide issues and actions for discussion	
All regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about challenges in Haplite and the new HSP program– all regions facing difficulties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ when and what to access in HAPLITE ○ identification of ‘critical health issues’ by DSS that don’t match recommendations in HAPLITE is resulting in additional use of resources by settlement services and health services and potentially fragmenting care of new arrivals ○ Unrealistic referral timeframes identified eg. See specialist within 1 month ○ RHSs to identify case study examples ○ DSS will evaluate pressure points, determine how/where information is flagged
Brisbane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing Brisbane focused refugee network to discuss issues relevant to the region and feed up to PAGQ like other areas
Asylum Seekers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAQ – Qld Government has funded Communitify Qld (as lead agency) for project (12 months) with Australian Red Cross, Mercy Services (Romero Centre) and St Vincent’s Paul to coordinate emergency and material aid, housing and employment to vulnerable asylum seekers – to address immediate needs. Referral processes being developed. • Network will write to acknowledge and congratulate Qld Gov for their support on this issue.
Advisory and Working Group Updates	
Clinical Advisory Group (CAG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for PAGQ to write to Pharmacy Guild regarding education around interpreter use by pharmacists and pharmacy staff • CAG Clinicians have serious concerns that upcoming MyHealthRecord DOES NOT currently contain vital information for quality care ie: language/interpreter information. (Issue also being discussed by RHeNA nationally) • Education Event on Wednesday 1 August will focus on chronic disease management and prevention
Mental Health Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Week (QMHW) Community Events Grant program open • Call for applications - Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Mental Health Consumer & Carer Group: a key source of advice to the National Multicultural Mental Health Project For more information and to apply, visit the FECCA website. • MHWG to reconvene and move forward now that the successful tender organisation for MHiMA framework is known.
Oral Health working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last meeting postponed. 12 months since group formed, ready to review TOR – will meet end August 2018.
Evaluation and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QUT have started data collection for the evaluation of policy and action plan

Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> G11 have started doing in depth interviews with 4 families each and phone survey with recent arrivals. RH PAGQ members please complete survey and share with staff members https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZ2P2VP
G11 Refugee Health Advisory Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal thank you and acknowledgment to St Vincent's for ongoing support and funding the G11 group and Refugee Health Fellow for 2018-19 financial year.
TB Subgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qld TB Guidelines were sent out to PAGQ for feedback. That feedback has been collated and sent to TB Control Unit.
Interpreter Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG met for first time – Network contracted a consultant to gather: What services can access interpreters, who accesses it and what education is available to staff. This document will guide the work of the working group and prioritise actions.
Network and National updates	
Refugee Health Network Qld Team Updates	 RHNQ update July 2018.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHNQ asked members to share recent publications/presentations about refugee health they on network website. Annual Plan delayed, awaiting final input from Qld health, will share ASAP. RHNQ and RNA Presenting at 'Regions of welcome Conference 12 – 14th August'
RHeaNA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June Meeting summary: http://www.refugeehealthnetworkqld.org.au/professional-networks-2/rheana-summaries/ Face to Face meeting in August
Other Business	
Update on meeting with Health Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network reps and Strategic Policy Unit met with the Minister MP Steven Miles. Flagged our intention to keep him informed of issues and the Network available for advice.
Queensland Health Ethnicity data element update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qld Health outlined the process where 'ethnicity' is a data element in the 'Data dictionary' now there is ability to adapt systems for data entry. QH data dictionary ethnicity element: http://oascrasprod.co.health.qld.gov.au:7900/pls/crd_prd/f?p=103:7:0::NO::P7_SEQ_ID:44272
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multicultural Month starts tomorrow (August) FASSTT Conference – Abstracts due Friday 3rd August Refugee Nurses Australia forum 26th March 2019 (to align with FASSTT conference) being held at Mater TMSG just launched a book – Keynote speakers from RCOA.