



Roadmap Implementation Governance Group (RIGG) Meeting Summary – 25 July 2024

Introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the ninth meeting of the Roadmap Implementation Governance Group (RIGG), gave an Acknowledgement of Country, and acknowledged disability self-advocates.

The Chair gave a verbal declaration about confidentiality and conflicts of interest. Members were asked to declare any conflicts of interest that were not declared at the previous meeting. No new conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous meeting

The previous meeting summary was endorsed by members with no change.

Follow-up on action items

There were 3 action items from the last meeting, work is complete or underway for all items.

Short-term actions prioritisation work

Members heard from Jim Simpson, a member of the short-term actions working group (Working Group). The Working Group was established to review short-term actions under The National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability (the Roadmap) and identify next steps for implementation.

Jim Simpson provided an overview of the findings of the working group, noting that while work is progressing, not all short-term actions have been completed within the planned 3-year timeframe (to August 2024). Some short-term actions have a level of complexity that requires further commitment and support from the whole of government to progress. RIGG members noted that while much of the work is currently led by the Department, it is unreasonable to expect the department to do this alone and there may be a need to increase engagement with other stakeholders and leverage existing work already underway.

RIGG members agreed on next steps and priorities to ensure work progresses to implement the short-term actions.

Evaluation of Roadmap implementation

The Roadmap calls for RIGG to be consulted on the planning and design of an implementation evaluation at the 3, 6 and 10 year points. As the Roadmap was published in August 2021, the three-year point is approaching. Members were asked to consider options for evaluating implementation of short-term actions as well future evaluations.

RIGG members discussed the following points:

- There should be a guiding principle that evaluation includes a degree of impartiality.
- The National Centre of Excellence (the Centre) could provide specific intellectual disability health expertise in developing the evaluation approach.
- Evaluation needs to identify how the work aligns with other government disability priorities such as the Disability Royal Commission, Australia's Disability Strategy and the work of the Centre.
- Evaluation should examine what is working, what is not working, lessons learned, and what can be done to avoid similar barriers in future.
- Evaluation should be guided by an evaluation plan to clearly identify the approach for evaluation over the life of the Roadmap and any performance indicators.
- There are inadequate resources to undertake a comprehensive evaluation at the 3-year point.

The department will consider viable options and provide an out of session update to RIGG members about evaluation.

Public messaging about implementation

RIGG members discussed how best to communicate publicly about implementation of short-term actions and evaluation of the Roadmap.

RIGG members expressed a preference to keep evaluation reports separate to the Roadmap annual reports, as it will take time to build a meaningful evaluation approach. RIGG members suggested that the timing of the evaluation could be extended and managed by the department to produce a more robust evaluation plan and report.

Members suggested more clarity and transparency would be valuable in terms of reporting which short-term actions are at what stage of completion. The department will consider options to include more transparency about implementation of short-term actions, acknowledging members preference for the urgent development of a standalone update.

Other business

The Department discussed work with Inclusion Australia to promote of Annual Health Assessments (AHAs). The 'It's Doctor Time' campaign aims to increase uptake of AHAs and will be launched by Inclusion Australia on 29 August 2024.

The Primary Care Enhance Program (PCEP) for people with intellectual disability, is a pilot project operating in four Primary Health Network regions. The program has been evaluated by Abt Associates. The PCEP Evaluation Report will be circulated to RIGG members and published once available.

Meeting close

The Chair noted the next meeting of the RIGG will be held mid November 2024. A placeholder will be circulated after the meeting.