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Dear Advisory Panel Members,

On behalf of Helen and myself thanks all for your contributions to this process [truncated as it was] to make sure that the Minister was able to endorse the results just prior to the Government slipping into caretaker. I would like to particularly thank our Dept. colleagues who worked hard to make sure we made the deadlines. It is great for our field that MH researchers in three areas will be receiving more funds for their endeavours. This is only the start.

In our last conversation we all agreed that given the inevitable COIs which will emerge in any future competition, we will need to think differently about how the panel can best discharge its duty in advising any future Minister. The process will have to evolve and we will have a chance to consider that in our next face to face meeting.

Third, you have raised and echoed some important suggestions about getting more detail on the process as it was – so that we can be informed by it as we chart our next steps. Helen and I are speaking with the Dept. and the MRFF team on this matter soon and will be in touch as soon as we have a way forward.

As I synthesize your comments, we will try and arrange a pre-meeting to share further information regarding this round and agree the input we would like for our June meeting that is being scheduled. It will be good if we are prepared and ready to go with affirmative suggestions as the new Government is getting ready to roll.

Warm regards and more soon,

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Thanks Frances. It is very positive to see more funding flowing to the sector. The process is new so we should expect some evolution. It certainly was confusing this time with too many moving parts in my view! Perhaps a CEO for MRFF will help. I agree with your proposals. I also believe the process must be reviewed in terms of transparency and COI issues including negative ones. All other NHMRC review panel composition is known to the field, and this advisory group and indeed the field should be able to have access to this knowledge. Regards Pat

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Thank you also from me for this advice. It is great to see funding flowing into the mental health research community, and there are so many worthy recipients and projects in the mix.

It is really important, I feel, that we have a meeting in the next month or so – separate to the June workshop (which I understand will involve the wider sector) – to debrief about the process for this first grant round, lessons learned, plans for future rounds. Also, now that the grant round is over, I think it is important for us to understand more details about how applications were ranked, who was on the assessment panel, how did they interpret and understand the purpose of the Mission and funding call...those sorts of things. Might the Chair of the panel be able to attend and report on this process (including what could be improved for future rounds of funding)? Do others on our Advisory Panel support this and would you make yourselves available for a meeting of our Advisory Panel for these issues?

I'm assuming that the additional funding (which I support, of course!) is not additional funding from the Minister's office, but will come out of the Million Minds Mission allocation for the next financial year, so we have less money to distribute going forward? Or did the Minister find some extra \$\$ for us??!

I'd also ask the Department to consider appointing a Chair for the June workshop from within the mental health sector please (assuming we are persisting with the idea of a sector-wide workshop rather than taking on board the results of similar sector-wide workshops for mental health research that are happening at NHMRC and the National Mental Health Commission at the moment). Having someone familiar with our type and scope of research – as opposed to someone from other medical fields – will be so important to facilitate and summarise the discussions that will come up during this session.

Thanks for responding to these thoughts –

Frances

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Thank you **s22** for this news. It's pleasing to hear that the Minister increased funding.

Best regards,  
Deborah

Sent from my iPad

On 10 Apr 2019, at 7:40 pm, Mental Health Liaison <[mental.health.liaison@health.gov.au](mailto:mental.health.liaison@health.gov.au)> wrote:

**COMMITTEE IN CONFIDENCE**

Dear Advisory Panel members

It is with great pleasure that I advise that the Minister for Health, the Hon. Greg Hunt MP approved the outcomes of the first Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission grants round. In total, seven projects have been approved for funding: two child and youth (approx. \$10 million), two eating disorders (approx. \$5 million), and three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health projects (approx. \$12.45 million). You will note that the Minister has exercised his discretion to approve an additional \$2.45 million to ensure that the application that straddled the cusp of the funding cut off could be funded in its entirety. The list of successful applications is below. Please note that this information is currently under embargo and forwarded to you as **committee in confidence** and cannot be passed on until this embargo is lifted. We will advise by way of email when this embargo has been lifted.

We anticipate that the Minister will be making announcements covering these grants in the coming days.

Priority area	Administering Institution	Chief Investigator	Title	Budget
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	Curtin University	Associate Professor Michael Wright	Our Journey, Our Story: Building bridges to improve Aboriginal youth mental health and wellbeing	\$2,459,030 00
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	Univeristy of Melbourne	Professor Sandra Eades	Bringing family, community, culture and country to the centre of health care: culturally appropriate models for improving mental health and wellbeing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people	\$4,998,863 80
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Children and Young People	Monash University	Professor Simon Craig	Okay: Emergency Department management of acute mental health crises in children and young people	\$4,996,126 75
Children and Young People	University of Southern Queensland	Associate Professor Sonja March	Translating evidence-based interventions into population-level digital models of care for child and adolescent mental health	\$4,996,350 50
Eating Disorders	University of Sydney	Doctor Sarah Maguire	MAINSTREAM Centre for Health System Research & Translation in Eating Disorders: detection and intervention system-focused knowledge to drive better outcomes in mainstream care for eating disorders	\$3,670,400 00
Eating Disorders	Deakin University	Associate Professor Matthew Fuller-Tyszkiewicz	Leveraging digital technology to reduce the prevalence and severity of eating disorders in Australia	\$1,342,548 00
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	University of Western Australia	Professor Pat Dudgeon	Generating Indigenous patient-centred, clinically and culturally capable models of mental health care	\$4,991,608 00

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We are currently looking at teleconference dates to work through the program for the June workshop and will be in touch about this next week.

Yours faithfully

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