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Frances and colleagues,

I'm strongly in support of Frances's request that we meet formally and be provided with the relevant information about these processes (now that the processes are complete) – with the explicit intentions of:

1. being able to provide accurate feedback to the sector;
2. Improving the processes in the future;
3. Identifying accurately the extent of extremely important and highly-ranked research that could be supported in Australia if the appropriate funds were made available.

Ian

**Kind Regards**

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**From:** Dan Siskind [s47F](#)  
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Thanks Frances

I also support these ideas

On 11 Apr 2019, at 10:07 am, Frances Kay-Lambkin

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wrote:

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	University 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
Children and Young People	Monash University	Professor Simon Craig	The Kids are Not 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
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Eating Disorders	University of Sydney	Doctor Sarah Maguire	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

#### COMMITTEE IN CONFIDENCE

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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