

## Proposed changes to the service delivery model for MARS Inc

### WEEKLY UPDATE 2

The Review Panel last met on 2 March 2010.

Next Review Panel meeting is scheduled for 8.30am 10 March 2010.

The Terms of Reference have been amended again to reflect information provided on 2 March 2010. (see attached)

Face to face consultations have been held with the MARS Board, Consumers and Area Health Service, plus the Tuesday Information Sessions continue with Chris Shipway.

The updates and other relevant documents such as the Terms of Reference have been sent through to NSW CAG's, ARAFMI's, and MHCC's weekly newsletters and websites.

Consultations scheduled for week beginning 8 March 2010 are:

1. Information Session 9 March
2. Review Panel 10 March
3. Carers Consultation 11 March
4. Consumer Consultation 12 March

Written comments or other relevant information can be sent to:

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The Review Panel is continuing to collect information from around the state on similar programs of vocational rehabilitation and employment services.

**Questions from 2 March 2010 meeting:**

1. Follow up location of Tony Humphrey's most recent correspondence to premier – forwarded to NSW Health Minister

*Response: NSW health currently providing advice.*

2. Add an additional statement to the TORs: "Explore opportunities to expand the program and amplify its benefits to the greater community".

*Response: Included, see attached*

3. Ensure a step in the process where key stakeholder groups have an opportunity to comment on the draft final report.

*Response: Yes will be arranged in due course.*

4. Discuss carer concerns raised with Keiran Booth (ARAFMI)

*Response: Yes, will be discussed with ARAFMI personnel.*

5. Ensure one meeting with carers and consumers where all of the panel is present to hear concerns.

*Response: This will be dependent on all of the panel members being available at one time. Panel members will do their best to coordinate.*