



Community Services Industry Plan Steering Group

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Industry Plan Steering Group will be a primary leadership group for the Tasmanian community services industry and provide participants with the opportunity to lead and guide the development of the Community Services Industry Plan. The Steering Group will work closely with relevant peak bodies to guide, oversee and monitor the development of the Industry Plan.

The establishment meeting was held in Launceston on December 10th 2007 and Therese Taylor, Colony 47 CEO, was appointed to the Chair. The Steering Group approved Terms of Reference, and reviewed the proposed project plan.

Working Groups Established

The priorities for the industry were identified by sector and working groups were identified to:

- scope the issues,
- identify the outcomes the industry wants to achieve, and
- identify strategies for action.

The working groups will comprise at least one Steering Group member, and members will be invited from across the industry and its key stakeholder groups.

The four working groups that have been established will address:

- workforce development and planning – the industry will continue to face labour and skills shortages
- real cost of services - the spiraling costs of delivering quality services have not been mirrored by increases in funding
- social services planning – community services have experience and knowledge from the front line on demand and unmet need and should be integral to decision making on service planning
- Industry vision and objectives – what unites us? What is the community services industry? What is our common set of values and aspirations that distinguishes the community sector and its industry? What is our relationship with Government?

From an industry perspective these are the core issues that will shape the sustainability of the community services industry and are the keys to its long-term future and viability.

Next Steps

- January 2008 Working Groups will convene and invite broad membership
- February 2008 Working Groups will scope work and develop workplans
- March 2008 Working Group workplans will be submitted to Steering Group
- March 2008 Steering Group second meeting

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