

Koori Youth Alcohol and Drug Healing Service Advertised Submissions for Service Provision

Department of Human Services

Questions & Answers from Information Session
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1. Were there many submissions for the previous Advertised Submissions process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submissions were received for the previous process, but the number and source of these submissions is not relevant to this process. • The new process and revised Advertised Submissions Brief reflects areas that have been improved over the previous process.
2. What is the definition of a Koori organisation? Does it have to have a koori Governance board?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This term has not been defined as it is considered to be self-defining. As such it is up to the applicants to determine, in consideration of the experience and role requirements specified in the Advertised Submissions Brief.
3. Other than the advisory groups mentioned in the Advertised Submissions Brief, will there be any other areas of DHS support once the service is operating?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the Service Framework and Advertised Submissions Brief is quite prescriptive, once the service provider is appointed, DHS will rely on the provider's expertise to establish, operate and manage the service. • However, as mentioned in the Advertised Submission Brief, DHS and the service provider will have an ongoing role in the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Capital Working Group – to provide advice about the capital development of the Healing Service. ▪ Steering Group (or alternative mechanism)– to facilitate dialogue and reporting back to the community about progress of the Healing Service. ▪ Spiritual Advisory Group – small number of Koori representatives to provide specialist advice regarding spiritual and cultural healing. • Depending where the Healing Service is located, the relevant DHS regional office will also be involved in an advisory capacity and in regards to reporting requirements. If required, consideration may also be given to setting up a small reference group.
4. Will there be a fee for service for Healing Service clients?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Healing Service budget is not dependent on a fee for service. Additionally, at the consultation forum held with Koori community members at the Aborigines Advancement League in September 2004, delegates stated a preference for no fee. • Some existing residential rehabilitation services do incorporate a nominal fee for service, which is taken from client Centrelink payments. Typically the remainder of such payments is split between client spending money and savings. As noted in the Service Framework, the appointed service provider will need to determine this issue.