

Partnership Forum Directions – 2012

Mission: To improve outcomes for all Western Australians through a genuine partnership in the policy, planning and delivery of community services in Western Australia.

Principles		Behaviours			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A commitment to improve social, cultural and economic outcomes for the Western Australian community. 2. A collaborative approach to decision making and working together recognising the interdependence in the delivery of community services. 3. A partnership based on mutual respect and trust, with openness and transparency in all activities. 4. A recognition of the value and contribution of both sectors in the delivery of community services. 5. An enduring commitment to sustainability of community services. 6. A commitment to empowerment of service users in the design, planning and delivery of community services. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An enduring focus and drive to deliver demonstrable improvements in outcomes for all Western Australians. 2. Consultation on all significant issues, including the development of policy, planning and service design. 3. Transparency in decision making, including through the sharing of data and information, basis of funding decisions and contracting requirements. 4. An interdependent approach to the planning and delivery of community services. 5. The public and community sectors will work together to ensure funding levels are sufficient for sustainable community services. 6. Engagement of citizens in the ongoing design, planning and delivery of community services, through direct and indirect methods of consultation and presentation in development of service delivery. 			
Governance, Evaluation and Oversight	Policy, Planning and Service Design	Sustainable Funding and Contracting	Reducing the Administrative Burden	Supporting Social Enterprise and Innovation	Investing in Implementation
<p>Key Directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic oversight and decision making by the Partnership Forum across all reforms. • Ensure genuine benefits of the funding and contracting reforms for the NFP sector and the WA community more generally. • Ensure regular reporting and monitoring mechanisms. 	<p>Key Directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve services and support for disadvantaged and vulnerable people. • Genuine partnership between Government, the public and NFP sectors in the policy, planning and delivery of community services. • Person-centred approach to service design. • Service users involved in the design, planning and delivery of services. • Empowerment of service users. 	<p>Key Directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genuine partnership between Government, public and NFP sectors, focused on improved services for WA. • Supporting a NFP sector flexible and adaptive in meeting community needs. • Ensuring a fair and appropriate price for services purchased by the State Government from NFP sector organisations. • A focus on achieving outcomes, performance and sustainable pricing. • Building sustainability and capacity of the NFP sector. 	<p>Key Directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the ongoing sustainability, flexibility and responsiveness of the NFP sector. • Streamline the administration of funding and contracting arrangements. • Minimise the level of monitoring and reporting by NFP organisations. • Standardising contracting practices across public sector agencies. • Encourage innovation and flexibility. 	<p>Key Directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance social enterprise in the community sector. • Promote social innovation in the delivery of human services. • Enable community sector organisations to implement new and innovative ways to meet social needs. 	<p>Key Directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective implementation of funding and contracting reforms. • Central Unit (Funding and Contracting Services Unit) to provide policy advice and support for the implementation of the <i>Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy</i>. • Capacity building of public sector agencies and service providers.
<p>Priority Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly reports to the Partnership Forum on the implementation of reforms. • Annual report to the Premier on progress by the Forum against its key functions. • Development of an evaluation framework. • Reporting progress and decisions of the Forum to the community sector via sector events, forums and workshops. 	<p>Priority Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support ongoing discussion, education and implementation of self directed services in WA. • Promote outcome-based approach to the policy and planning of community services. • Building policy capacity and collaboration of the Public and NFP sectors. 	<p>Priority Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An average 25% funding increase for human service contracts, paid in two stages. • An upfront, across the board price adjustment of 15% for eligible NFP human services from 1 July 2011. • <i>Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy</i>, to support a mature contracting relationship between the public and NFP sector. • Continuation of the Non-Government Human Services Sector Policy. 	<p>Priority Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suite of standardised contract templates, conditions and reporting. • Clearly defined procurement processes. • Outcomes-based approach to specifications. 	<p>Priority Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Enterprise Grants Program. • Strategic approach to fostering new and innovative approaches to growing social enterprise in WA. • Social Innovation Grants Program. • Promote and share learnings from social innovation projects. 	<p>Priority Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building Implementation Plan developed for the next four years, including priority areas for 2011-12. • Funding and Contracting Services Unit established. • Guidance and support to public sector agencies and the NFP sector. • Education and training. • Direct support for public sector agencies.

A person-centred approach will underwrite all initiatives emerging from these Directions