



## **Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative – phase 2**

The NSW Government today announced a \$13.8 million program to provide disability support to 460 people with a mental illness. The Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) is now in the second phase of a joint initiative between NSW Health, Housing and the NGO sector that commenced in 2002. HASI 2 will provide low Support Outreach services and tenders are funded till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

Under this program NSW Health provides the clinical support while the NGO sector provides the non-clinical support that assists people to function in their daily lives while living in the community. The Department of Housing provides the accommodation.

MHCC was part of an independent panel with NSW Health, the Department of Housing, and the NSW Consumer Advisory Group which provided assistance in the evaluation of tenders.

HASI Stage Two will be implemented across all Area Health Services reaching out to metropolitan and regional NSW. The successful applicants are listed below with details of areas and the number of packages.

### **Mission Australia** - 110 packages:

Greater Western Area Health (Far West and Macquarie Service); North Coast Area Health Service (Northern Rivers and Mid-North Coast); and one part of Northern Sydney Area Health Service (Northern Sydney).

### **Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (PRA)** – 90 packages:

Greater Southern Area Health Service (Southern Area and Greater Southern); and Hunter/New England (Hunter and New England)

### **NEAMI** - 105 packages:

One part of Sydney South West Area Health Service (South Western Sydney); and South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service (South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra).

### **Parramatta Mission** - 40 packages:

One part of Sydney West Area Health Service (Western Sydney).

### **Aftercare** - 80 packages:

One part of Sydney South West Area Health Service (Central Sydney); and One part of Sydney West Area Health Service (Wentworth).

### **New Horizons** - 30 packages:

One part of Northern Sydney/Central Coast Area Health Service (Central Coast).