Advancing Rural Allied Health Practice Through Health Service Collaboration

Rural Health Services collaborating to provide training and support prior to implementing a sub-regional Positive Behaviour Support Clinic for People with Autism

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A collaborative approach to planning, training, support and service provision

- A Silver Bullet – An Advancing Practice in Allied Health (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Grant
- A collaborative approach to stakeholder, consumer and community engagement
- A common purpose and a commitment to collaborate, share resources and training opportunities and ultimately support each other in the provision of a cross service interdisciplinary positive behaviour support clinic
Learnings to date and conclusion

- Enablers: A history of collaboration and board and executive level support, shared staff, good will of allied health professionals, key stakeholders, consumers and the community

- Collaboration and joint applications for grants are a viable approach for smaller health services to develop service capabilities and meet community needs.

- Health service collaboration provides opportunities for rural allied health professionals to pursue advancing practice opportunities.

- Initial evaluations showed strong improvement in confidence and competence of allied health professionals to provide PBS therapy. However, a longer term evaluation of how this clinic has been embedded and how services have been received within the community will give further insights into the success of this collaborative model.