



ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD

COMMUNIQUE – MEETING 11 DECEMBER 2024

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board (AODAB) was established pursuant to s.14 of the *Alcohol and Other Drugs Act 1974* (the Act) to provide advice to the CEO (the Mental Health Commissioner) about matters relevant to performance of functions under section 11 - the functions of the CEO. In fulfilling this purpose, the AODAB consults with the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and related sectors to ensure advice to the Mental Health Commissioner (the Commissioner) reflects the broad range of views and experience of people affected by AOD related harm, such as communities, young people, the ageing population and those with co-occurring health issues such as mental health conditions.

The AODAB is committed to communicating information about its work where possible, and it was agreed to provide a publicly available communique, in broad terms, about the activities of the AODAB.

This communique provides all stakeholders with information from the 11 December 2024 meeting.

AOD Virtual Care

The AODAB welcomed Dr Anthony Gill, Professor Nadine Ezard and Stephanie Hocking from New South Wales Health attended the meeting and provided a presentation on the virtual delivery of AOD services in New South Wales.

The AODAB discussed the advantages of virtual health to enhance AOD care in regional Western Australia (WA) and discussed a number of potential opportunities for consideration for WA.

Continued collaboration with the Mental Health Commission

The AODAB received an update on progress of work being undertaken by the newly established Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs. The AODAB welcomed the regular updates from the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs, recognising the role it plays in fostering a collaborative working relationship.

The AODAB thanked the Mental Health Commission for the opportunity to provide feedback to the statewide public consultation process to inform the development of the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy.

The next AODAB meeting is scheduled for 26 February 2025.