



Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Joint Leadership Group

Communique – Meeting 30 May 2024

The second meeting of the Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Joint Leadership Group (JLG) was held on Thursday, 30 May 2024. This communique provides all stakeholders with information and outcomes from the meeting.

The JLG provides high level, system-wide, collaborative decision-making, and oversight, to deliver a system that adopts a person and family-centred approach and encapsulates whole of system priorities. This includes the transition to more community-based services that provide prevention and earlier intervention, and diversion away from acute in-patient services. The JLG is accountable for the delivery of key reform priorities including those outlined in the overarching system-wide Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy 2025-2030 (when completed) in alignment with the Outcome Measurement Framework (when completed).

JLG Terms of Reference and Charter

Members endorsed the JLG Terms of Reference and Charter.

Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Service Mapping

Members discussed the need to undertake a service mapping exercise to increase their understanding of current AOD services, programs and initiatives across the state. This work will inform the strategic direction of the JLG and its workplan.

Joint Leadership Group Annual Workplan Priorities – 2024/2025

Members discussed and further developed the Annual Workplan priorities. The Annual Workplan will be provided to the Minister for Health; Mental Health once it is endorsed by the JLG.

The Chief Psychiatrist will be invited to attend two JLG meetings per year for involvement in discussions regarding *Mental Health Act 2014* compliance.

WA Eating Disorders Framework

Members were provided with an overview of the development of the Eating Disorders Framework and the emerging priorities identified by the WA Eating Disorders Framework Advisory Group and key stakeholders.

Mental Health Transport Project

Members were provided with an update on the Mental Health Transport Project.

Other items of note:

A Project Watching Brief was provided to the JLG to note key updates and upcoming milestones of the following items:

- Independent Review of WA Health System Governance;
- Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy 2025-2030;
- Outcomes Measurement Framework;
- The Community Mental Health Treatment and Emergency Services Reform; and
- Criminal Law Impairment Bill.

The next JLG meeting is scheduled for 8 August 2024.