

Attendees	<p>Attended by Zoom Rod Astbury (RA), Andrew Williams (AW), Lee Steel (LS), Michael Wright (MW), Jessica Nguyen (JN), Amit Banerjee (AB), Richard Oades (RO); Gemma Powell (GP)</p> <p>Tracey Young (TY) joined at 8:50am Emily Wilding (EW) joined the meeting at 10:30am</p> <p>Attended in person Paul Parfitt (PP), Patricia Councillor (PC)</p>	Videoconference Thursday, 11 June 2020 8:30am – 12:30pm
Chair	<p>Attended in person Margaret Doherty (MD)</p>	
Secretariat	<p>Attended in person Bianca Fish (BF)</p>	
Guests	<p>Attended in person Jennifer McGrath (JM), Acting Mental Health Commissioner David Axworthy (DA), MHC Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Planning and Strategy</p>	
Apologies	<p>Stan Chirenda (SC)</p>	
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION LOG
<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p>	<p>MD welcomed everyone and acknowledged SC and EW as apologies for the meeting. MD welcomed PP and PC as new Council members.</p>	
<p>2. Welcome to Country</p>	<p>PP gave the Welcome to Country. MD made the following statement on behalf of Council:</p> <p><i>The Mental Health Advisory Council acknowledges the significance, uniqueness and richness of the world's oldest continuing culture. The Council recognises the contributions that Aboriginal people have made, are making and will continue to make to the cultural identity, economy, heritage and community of Western Australia. The impacts of colonisation and systemic racism which include inter-generational trauma, poverty, disadvantage and over-representation of</i></p>	

	<i>Aboriginal people in justice settings are also acknowledged, particularly in relation to their effect on social and emotional wellbeing. The Council stands with those who aim to challenge systemic injustices, oppression and racial violence. It is committed to working in partnership with Aboriginal peoples to ensure that the advice the Council provides respects and reflects their culture, rights and values.</i>	
3. Acknowledgement of Lived Experience	MD recognised those at the meeting with personal and family lived experiences.	
4. Member introductions	Council members took turns to introduce themselves.	
5. Reflection: Co-Production principle four – networks	<p>LS reflected on co-production principle four – Networks.</p> <p>Networks involve networks of people doing things throughout the community, whether they are paid or not. Networks are what bring everyone together and allow transfer of knowledge.</p> <p><i>“Networks are the fabric of the community that sows us all together into a tapestry of who we are”</i></p>	Action 46: Note TY as the reflection lead for the 9 July 2020 meeting.
6. Conflicts of Interest	Nil conflicts of interest declared.	
7. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes	Minutes from the 14 May 2020 meeting were accepted as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.	
8. Action Log	<p>Completed actions: Action 39, Action 40, Action 41, Action 42, Action 43, Action 44, Action 45</p> <p>Outstanding actions:</p> <p>Action 34 has been delayed due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Action 25, Action 26 and Action 18 are on hold due to COVID-19.</p>	Action 47: BF progress COVID-19 Advice Update to the A/Commissioner
9. Budget	<p>Council viewed and discussed the budget.</p> <p>Council discussed the possibility of a regional visit in September.</p>	Action 48: RO, LS, GP to research options for a regional visit including

	<p>Council discussed the possibility of holding an online meeting with community members from the Linkwest Networks and the Wheatbelt Aboriginal Mental Health Consultative Advisory Group to discuss COVID-19 recovery initiatives before the end of June 2020.</p>	<p>budget, and present options at the July meeting.</p> <p>Action 49: LS and MD to liaise with Linkwest to set up a meeting to be held before 30th June to discuss recovery initiatives.</p>
<p>10. COVID-19 lived experience engagement session update</p>	<p>MD gave an overview of the COVID-19 lived experience engagement session on 18 May 2020.</p> <p>One of the strongest messages from the session was that acts of kindness are what helped people maintain their spirit and alleviate mental distress, especially around alcohol and other drug use.</p> <p>The A/Commissioner requested that the advice be shared with the Mental Health and Alcohol and other Drug Taskforce and invited MD to speak about the advice at a Taskforce meeting. The Department of Communities have also requested a copy of the advice.</p>	
<p>11. Community Treatment</p>	<p>MD attended a meeting held by KPMG who were employed by the Mental Health Commission (MHC) to undertake a review of Community Treatment in Western Australia. RA also attended the meeting in his capacity as Community Co-Lead of the Mental Health Network.</p> <p>MD gave an overview of the KPMG review process. Detailed information could not be shared as the Review Steering Committee has yet to finalise the review report. Overall, the review demonstrated there is an unclear picture of Community Treatment in Western Australia across the five Health Service Providers. One of the biggest challenges for the review was the gathering of consistent data.</p> <p>GP gave an overview of the Community Treatment working group meeting held on 3 June 2020.</p> <p>MD noted Elaine Paterson, MHC Assistant Commissioner for Procurement, will be attending the July Council meeting. Council discussed questions that arose from the working group meeting, and which questions would be presented to Elaine Patterson at the July meeting.</p> <p>Noted this is an opportunity for significant systemic change and for Council to provide solid advice on how clinical services should be provided in the community. Services need to ensure they are providing recovery focused treatment.</p>	<p>Action 50: Share Community Treatment working group notes with all Council members</p> <p>Action 51: Community Treatment working group to finalise questions for Elaine by Thursday, 25 June 2020.</p>

<p>12. Morning tea</p>	<p>DA attended the meeting to thank Michael for his contribution as a Council member. MD thanked MW for his invaluable contribution as a Council member. MW spoke about his time on the Council and thanked Council members for being part of his journey.</p>	
<p>13. A/Commissioner update</p>	<p>JM joined the meeting and thanked Council for the advice they have provided to date. JM also thanked MW for his contribution as a Council member over the last five and a half years and welcomed PP and PC as new members of Council. JM gave an update on changes taking place in the governance of the mental health sector.</p>	<p>Action 52: Send out the draft governance structure to Council members. Members to send feedback on structure to MD by 3 July 2020 to forward to JM.</p> <p>Action 53: BF to liaise with JM office to arrange attendance at July meeting.</p> <p>Action 54: BF to send LGTIQ and inclusivity in Language advice to Amanda Hughes</p>
<p>14. Working Group Updates</p>	<p>RA gave an overview of the progress the Community Care Units (CCUs) working group has made. Members discussed the announcement the Western Australian Government recently made about the significant planned investment in mental health. This includes \$25 million for a new 20-bed adult community care unit and \$25 million for development of new 16-bed youth mental health and alcohol and other drug homelessness service. Also discussed were the application of this funding and what further information is required for Council to provide appropriate advice.</p>	<p>Action 55: RA to send media release on government funding to Council members.</p> <p>Action 56: BF to set up meeting for CCU working group to draft advice to go to the A/Commissioner.</p>
<p>15. Advice to the Commissioner</p>	<p>One Stop Shop (OSS) Initiative Advice</p>	<p>Action 57: MD to amend OSS advice and send to</p>

	<p>MD shared information from the Executive Summary of the 2018 New Zealand Government Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction. https://mentalhealth.inquiry.govt.nz/inquiry-report/health-oranga/executive-summary/</p> <p>In relation to problems with access, wait times and quality, it highlighted “<i>the cruelty of being encouraged to seek help from unavailable or severely rationed services</i>”.</p> <p>It was agreed to amend the draft Advice to include a statement that the OSS initiative must be a ‘first do no harm’ service that cannot send people down rabbit holes in search of services that may not exist or be appropriate.</p> <p>TY and MW also spoke of the importance of the OSS in actively highlighting gaps in service delivery and to ensure that this element was included in evaluation processes. Agreed to amend the advice as above.</p>	<p>Council and AODAB for approval.</p>
<p>16. Other business</p>	<p><i>MW left the meeting at 12:02pm</i></p> <p>Presentation to Cert IV Mental Health Peer Support Students</p> <p>MD was invited to talk to Cert IV Mental Health Peer Support Students on 9th June about Council.</p> <p>MD noted that if there are other opportunities or groups that Council members know of, that she is happy to attend meetings to discuss how Council works.</p> <p>Annual Report of the MHAC</p> <p>It is not a requirement of Council to provide an annual report, but previously Council has agreed this will continue.</p> <p>Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Recruitment Process</p> <p>An abstract on the Council’s Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Recruitment Process was submitted for the Mental Health Services (TheMHS) Conference in February 2021.</p> <p>The abstract has been accepted for a 1.5-hour symposium.</p> <p>Prison Mental health</p> <p>Council discussed the difficulties of mental health data collection and data transfer in prisons.</p> <p>Noted there are plans for a Mental Health unit and a separate Alcohol and other Drug rehabilitation unit in Casuarina Prison.</p>	<p>Action 58: MD to draft annual report and send to Council members for comment</p>

	The Commissioner for Corrective Service will be invited attend a meeting post COVID-19. Discussed inviting the Corrective Services Minister to the October meeting.	
17. Values Representative	<p>AB provided feedback on how Council reflected its values during the meeting.</p> <p>Value one: The needs of the most disadvantaged groups in the community were included in several discussions throughout the meeting.</p> <p>Value two: Innovation was not included as much as the other two values, but it was included in the discussions on Community Treatment and CCUs.</p> <p>Value three: Recovery and ensuring that services are helpful were central to all of Council's discussions throughout the meeting.</p>	Action 59: Note GP as the values representative for the 9 July 2020 meeting.
Meeting closed at 12:33pm		
NEXT MEETING	<p>Thursday, 9 July 2020</p> <p>8:30am – 12:30pm</p> <p>Kambarang Room, Mental Health Commission</p>	