



ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date:	Monday, 21 June 2021	Time:	09:00am – 11:20am
Venue:	Mental Health Commission, Level 1, 1 Nash Street, Perth, WA 6004 Wheatbelt Meeting Room **Microsoft Teams link available in meeting invite**		
Attendees:	Deputy Chair: Dr Mark Montebello - Clinical Director, Northern Sydney Local Health District Drug and Alcohol Service (Chair) Member: Jill Rundle - Chief Executive Officer, WANADA Member: Julia Stafford - Alcohol Program Manager, Cancer Council WA Member: Commander Lawrence Panaia - Crime Portfolio, Western Australian Police Force		
Guests:	Gary Kirby – Head of Prevention, Services Management (MHC) Angela Rizk – VSU Coordinator, Alcohol, Other Drug and Prevention Services (MHC)		
Apologies:	Colleen Hayward, Miriam Rudd, Keisha Calyun		
Executive Support:	Caitlin Parry - A/Project Officer		

WELCOME

1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country The meeting was opened by the Chair with an Acknowledgement of Country.
2.	Acknowledging people of lived-experience Commander Panaia acknowledged the Lived Experience of people with alcohol and other drug issues and any personal or family experiences of Board members.
3.	Introductions and apologies The meeting apologies were noted.
4.	Declarations of conflicts of interest There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.



5.	Acceptance of previous meeting minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed.	
6.	Action log The two outstanding items from the March meeting were noted.	
ITEMS FOR NOTING / DISCUSSION / DECISION		
7.  210617 AODAB alcohol policy issue:	Minimum Unit Price Update <i>(For Noting)</i> Gary Kirby delivered an update on the Minimum Unit Price (MUP) of alcohol and advised that the Mental Health Commission (MHC) is still waiting on the MHC commissioned Sheffield University modelling on Western Australian (WA) specific health and crime impacts of a minimum price at various price points. Members discussed the modelling and queried whether there would be recommendations made as part of the modelling report. Gary Kirby advised that the modelling will only present the data to be considered by Government in determining a MUP and noted that the evaluation from the Northern Territory (NT) has shown positive results.	
8.	Banned Drinkers Register <i>(For Discussion)</i> Gary Kirby spoke to the Banned Drinkers Register (BDR) and members discussed the experiences and results of a similar register which has been implemented in the NT. It was noted that individuals on the BDR in the Kimberley are still able to access alcohol, as the register only denies access to the service of alcohol. Takeaway Alcohol Management System (TAMS) is being used in Kununurra, which assists in providing information to alcohol providers as to whether they should be selling alcohol to individuals. Members discussed the rate of consumption in the Kimberley, noting that it remains the highest in the state and sits at dangerous levels. It was acknowledged that there will be an evaluation of the BDR conducted by the University of Western Australia. Commander Panaia advised that the efficacy of barring notices and prohibition orders, issued by WA Police, is to be evaluated by Deakin University. Members considered the implications of the BDR trial as it pertains to cultural sensitivity and human rights.	
9.	Cardiff Model <i>(For Discussion)</i> Gary Kirby provided Board members with an update on the WA Pilot Program proposal based on the Cardiff Violence Prevention Model and sought support from the AODAB on this initiative. The importance of data collection was acknowledged and an 18 to 24-month trial with Royal Perth Hospital is planned prior to engaging with industry. It was noted that emergency department presentations are not always obviously alcohol related and this is being addressed	Action: Gary Kirby to provide data for ED presentations as a result of substance use.



	<p>in the screening process. The AODAB will consider the Cardiff Model to determine whether it is something that should be supported in WA.</p>	
<p>10.</p>  <p>AODAB VSU presentation 21 Jun</p>	<p>Volatile Substance Use (<i>For Noting</i>)</p> <p>Angela Rizk presented an overview of Volatile Substance Use (VSU) broken down by the different regions in WA, noting concern that the data shows the highest levels of VSU in 15 years. It was noted that the current model in the regions works well, however it is vastly under-resourced especially when spikes in use occur.</p> <p>The access to inhalable intoxicants has proven nearly impossible to restrict as the products themselves are legal and are being used in a manner contrary to instruction and warnings. It was noted that the use of substances differs across WA, with nitrous oxide being more commonly used in the south of WA, while aerosol and solvent use tends to be more prevalent in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions. Members discussed the reporting mechanisms being used to monitor the use across the state and what can be done to increase support to people who are affected by VSU. It was noted that those delivering support to the regions require a significant increase in resources.</p> <p>The social determinants of VSU require further investigation and there is a potential gap in the Young Peoples Priority for Action (YPPA), as it targets people aged 12 to 24, while VSU is being taken up by children as young as five. It was acknowledged that the Department of Education is rolling out a program to students in the regions on VSU to increase awareness. Members discussed the possibility of reinvigorating existing models to address VSU which have proven effective, as well as the inclusion of Child and Adolescent Health Services (CAHS) into discussions.</p>	
OTHER BUSINESS		
<p>11.</p>	<p>Mental Health Advisory Council Update</p> <p>Mark Montebello and Jill Rundle provided feedback on their recent attendance at the Mental Health Advisory Council (MHAC) meetings. Mark noted that three family members of people with a mental health diagnosis provided feedback on their experiences with the mental health system in WA, for which advice has since been drafted to the Mental Health Commissioner. Members discussed the structure of the MHAC and acknowledged that there are considerable differences in the way the MHAC and AODAB operate in providing advice to the Mental Health Commissioner.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>AOD Workforce Issues</p> <p>This item was postponed to the following meeting or out of session update from the Chair.</p>	



<p>13.</p>	<p>AODAB Priorities</p> <p>Board members reviewed the document from Colleen Hayward noting an extra dot point to be added under 'Treatment Services' to highlight the recently established Drug and Alcohol Department at Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH).</p> <p>Board members discussed inviting representatives to future AODAB meetings to give updates/present on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mental Health Commission's Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025 (Plan) and the Plan Update 2018. Board members noted that the Plan is to be reviewed every two years and welcome an update on this process. Board members expressed an interest to further their knowledge of harm reduction, as listed as a priority in the Plan.• Addiction Medicine Specialists and what is happening in this space, i.e. an update on this area in the Workforce Framework in general, as well as the next steps to support the new Drug and Alcohol Department at FSH.	<p>Action: AODAB Priorities to be circulated and defined out of session.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Presentation Discussion</p> <p>Board members discussed presentations given at the meeting and agreed upon the following as next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft advice to the Mental Health Commissioner (Commissioner) on alcohol intervention in population-based settings focusing on MUP, BDR (and other population-based supports) and professing Board support for the WA Pilot Program Cardiff model.• Draft advice to the Commissioner recommending additional support for the VSU team in the regions, noting that these areas are understaffed to deal with the spikes in VSU. This is a key focus, given VSU population with the younger cohort and the MHC's commitment to enhancing the wellbeing and protection of mental health of young people in WA.	<p>Action: Board members to draft advice to the Commissioner on alcohol intervention in population-based settings.</p> <p>Action: Board members to draft advice to the Commissioner on VSU spike.</p>

MEETING CLOSE: Next Meeting – Monday, 14 September 2021, 9am – 12pm