



STEERING COMMITTEE - ROADMAP FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT INCLUDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

COMMUNIQUE – MEETING FEBRUARY 2022

The eleventh meeting of the Roadmap for Community Mental Health Treatment, including Emergency Response Steering Committee (Steering Committee) was held on 16 February 2022. The Steering Committee is co-chaired by Ms Amanda Waegeli, Consumer Representative and Dr Sophie Davison, Chief Medical Officer Mental Health, Mental Health Commission (MHC). This communique has been developed to provide stakeholders with an update on the Roadmap including progress of the Discussion Paper and consultation. The purpose of the Steering Committee is to provide strategic oversight and guidance to the development of the Roadmap to ensure it is fully costed, future proofed, and both implementable and transformational. The Steering Committee includes clinical, lived experience, Aboriginal, and Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council (CMC) representation. The Steering Committee works alongside an internal MHC Project Team to develop a clear vision for community mental health treatment and mental health emergency response services that will best meet the needs of people in Western Australia. The Roadmap Steering Committee is committed to endorsing a rights-based, recovery-oriented, experiential lens where change is intended to be transformational, pragmatic and should translate at the community level, whilst acknowledging and addressing current pressures on the system. The Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC), the CMC, and the Mental Health Leads Sub-Committee (MHLS) are fundamental components of the governance structure for the Roadmap Project.

Discussion Paper and Next Steps

In the February meeting, the Steering Committee endorsed the Discussion Paper for publication. The Discussion Paper will then be progressed internally before being delivered to the Minister for Health and Mental Health at the end of February 2022. Once Ministerial endorsement is obtained, the Discussion Paper will be published publicly. The purpose of Discussion Paper is to continue conversations with stakeholders who informed its development, and initiate discussions with the wider community of Western Australia, including people with lived or living experience of mental issues, family members and carers, service providers, and other key stakeholders. As such, once the paper is published, we encourage stakeholders to provide their feedback – including what may have been missed, what we may have gotten wrong and how this could be addressed in the final Roadmap. Stakeholders are also encouraged to distribute the Discussion Paper with their networks, so that it reaches a wide audience. Feedback on the Discussion Paper will form one component of the next stage of consultation.

As outlined in the [December meeting communique](#), alongside feedback on the Discussion Paper, the final Roadmap will be further informed by a range of engagement activities. If you or your organisation would like to be kept in the loop about these upcoming engagement activities, you are encouraged to register your interest with [Stakeholder Connect](#).

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 9 March 2022.

Please feel free to distribute this Communique to your wider networks. Communiques and other relevant documents are available on the [Roadmap Webpage on the MHC's website](#).

If you have any questions or comments please email CommunityRoadmap@mhc.wa.gov.au