



SYSTEM-WIDE DATA WORKING GROUP COMMUNIQUE – MEETING 14 July 2022

The ninth meeting of the System-Wide Data Working Group (SWDWG) was held on 14 July 2022. This communique provides all stakeholders with information and outcomes from this meeting.

The SWDWG's purpose is to support the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) and the Community Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drug Council (CMC) by undertaking time-limited data-related projects. These projects will provide advice in relation to the ongoing monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug sectors. A list of the SWDWG members can be found [here](#) (current as of 31/03/2022).

Annual Review of the Terms of Reference

The updated Terms of Reference and current SWDWG membership were provided to the MHEC and CMC for approval in June 2022. MHEC and CMC members have been asked to confirm their representative for the next 12 months. Membership updates will be reflected in the updated Terms of Reference that will be published on the SWDWG webpage.

Outcomes Measurement Framework Project

The Outcomes Measurement Framework (OMF) Project seeks to develop an OMF for the WA State Priorities Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs 2020 – 2024 (WA State Priorities). The objective of the OMF is to support evidence-based decision-making and reporting on the progress with achieving outcomes anticipated in the WA State Priorities.

The MHC in collaboration with the SWDWG are undertaking a desktop review to identify evidence-based outcomes and outcome indicators for consideration for inclusion in the draft OMF. As part of this process, internal focus groups are being conducted with MHC representatives (e.g. contract managers, etc.) to identify key draft outcomes for service streams. The outcomes that are developed through the internal focus groups will be brought back through the working group for consideration, and to discuss and confirm what will be taken forward as part of the draft OMF. The draft OMF will be submitted to the MHEC and CMC for in-principle approval to conduct broader engagement with a range of stakeholders including service providers (NGOs, HSPs and clinicians), consumers, family members and carers. Health Outcomes International (HOI) have been engaged to support the SWDWG by undertaking a cross-jurisdictional review of outcomes and outcome indicators, with a specific focus on outcomes that are meaningful for those with a lived experience.

Items for Noting

Other topics for noting included an update on the development of An Outcomes Framework for information and support services working with family and friends impacted by alcohol and other drug use led by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF), and an overview of Family/Carer Outcome Measures: A brief discussion paper by Tandem, the peak carer body in Victoria.

No other business was raised from the Working Group.

The next SWDWG meeting is scheduled for 25 August 2022. Please feel free to distribute this Communique to your wider networks. Communiques and other relevant documents for the SWDWG are available on the MHC's website.