



## COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 29 June 2022

The eighth meeting of the Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council (CMC) was held on 29 June 2022. This communique provides all stakeholders with information and outcomes from this meeting.

The key priority projects of the CMC and Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) continue to be the Community Treatment and Emergency Responses Project, Implementation of the Ministerial Taskforce into Public Mental Health Services for Infants, Children and Adolescents (ICA) Taskforce Recommendations, Mental Health and AOD Workforce Planning to build a skilled and sustainable workforce through a suitable workforce plan and appropriate strategies is also a key priority. CMC are also across the progress of Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce (GRAFT), which is a MHEC priority initiative.

### Two-yearly Review of CMC as required by the Terms of Reference (ToR)

The Mental Health Commission (MHC) is commencing the two-yearly review of the effectiveness of the CMC. The review will enable CMC and MHC to meet their responsibilities as per ToR, their commitment to continuous improvement and build sector capacity for health reform. The review will be objective, independent and based on the principles of transparency, confidentiality and relevance. A report on the review's findings and recommendations will be submitted to the Minister for Mental Health.

### Community Treatment and Emergency Response Project (CTER)

CMC and the Community Treatment Review Steering Committee will be identifying the priority action, timeframe and key body of work, prior to submission to the MHEC and to the Minister. MHC is investigating opportunities to obtain community and stakeholder input into the immediate process.

The MHC will facilitate an out of session meeting to workshop how to develop the interface with all sectors.

### Implementation of the Infants, Children and Adolescents (ICA) Taskforce Recommendations

CMC were updated on progress of implementation of the ICA taskforce recommendations. An implementation working group and Ministerial Oversight committee are being set up. Work is starting to develop models of care, a phased implementation plan, a service guarantee and an evaluation and monitoring framework recommendations. People with experience will be involved throughout. CMC emphasised importance of ensuring support mechanisms were in place for people with lived experience so they had equal opportunities to input meaningfully. More information is available on the [MHC website](#).

### Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce (GRAFT)

The GRAFT informs the Government's planning and investment decisions regarding the Graylands hospital site, forensic mental health services and the nearby Selby Older Adult Mental Health Service. CMC noted the progress of the project and the work of the Lived Experience Advisory Group.

### Workforce

Lived Experience (Peer) Workforce Framework. Funding has been made available to introduce Peer Workforce (13.0FTE) across Health Service Providers (HSP) to improve sector readiness. The MHC is leading the development of the Lived Experience Workforce Framework (Framework) which will be circulated to CMMC for endorsement.

Community Sector Mental Health and AOD Workforce. The CMC Workforce Sub-Group has been established to lead the development of a practical, consolidated 5-year Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Workforce Action Plan with clear deliverables, timeline and roles/responsibilities.

Mental Health Clinical Workforce Action Plan (the Plan). The Plan will be focusing on systemwide clinical mental health workforce initiatives, followed by an implementation plan, including reporting to the Minister.

**Other Items of note:**

Other topics that were on the CMC agenda for noting included:

- Budget Process 2022/23 Budget Outcomes
- Mental Health Network Realignment Project Update
- YES Survey, State Results Publication and Community Managed Organisations Pilot Trial
- Here for You line
- Statutory Review of the Mental Health Act 2014

**The next CMC meeting is scheduled for 29 June 2022.**

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