



## **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 15 August 2022**

The ninth meeting of the Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council (CMC) was held on 15 August 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.

### **Community Mental Health Treatment Services, including Emergency Response Services (CTER)**

The first phase of the CTER Project is complete. CMC, MHEC and Mental Health Leads Sub-Committee (MHLS) have provided input to the proposed way forward. Members noted the importance of the role of the community organisations/NGOs input in the program of works and of engaging and supporting people with lived experience to provide input at all stages.

### **Implementation of the Infant, Child and Adolescent (ICA) Taskforce Recommendations**

The ICA Implementation Working Group (IWG) commenced monthly meetings from 1 August 2022. The ICA Implementation will primarily focus on the immediate and short-term priorities in the development of the 12 models of care and the service guarantee. The Models of care will inform business cases to present to Government. There are planned workshops on the Models of Care in late August and October 2022, CMC members agreed to ensure the right NGO representation is included in the workshops. 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 future of Graylands hospital site, forensic mental health services and the nearby Selby Older Adult Mental Health Service. The project is progressing. Members of the Lived Experience Advisory Group and Clinical Advisory Group have been participating in designing a forensic model of care to inform future services.

### **Workforce**

The Lived Experience (Peer) Workforce Framework was acknowledged as a significant and important piece of work.

The CMC Workforce Sub-Group is continuing work on the Community Mental Health and Alcohol, and Other Drug Workforce Action Plan which will include a 5-year focus on community services and building sector capability.

### **National Agenda**

The National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement (National Agreement) came into effect on 8 March 2022. Working groups have been established to focus on data and whole of government approach. A joint regional planning committee will be established as part of the requirements relating to the Bilateral Schedule to the National Agreement. CMC representative will be included on the Committee.

### **Aftercare**

Suicide Prevention Services have been identified as a key priority across the State and will inform the current service gaps when developing the Aftercare Services. A working group Chaired by MHC and WAPHA has been established to progress the development of a model of service. The Group will report to the Joint Service Planning and Governance Committee. CMC will provide critical input in developing guiding principles and potential models.

**Other Items of note:**

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

- Outcomes Measurement Framework
- Cross Government Western Australian Alcohol and Other Drug Strategy
- WA State Priorities Mental Health, Alcohol and other Drugs 2020-2024.

**The next CMC meeting is scheduled for 10 November 2022.**

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