



COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 10 November 2022

The tenth meeting of the Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council (CMC) was held on 10 November 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 project team is awaiting authorisation to proceed with bringing the evidence together to develop a vision for community mental health services and a practical implementation plan. In the meantime, they are progressing a number of projects to drive service improvement such as developing a model of integrating lived experience (peer) workers into a community mental health team.

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.

Members noted that the lived experience advisory group is actively involved in designing the forensic model of care. Members further noted that significant consultation has been undertaken with representative groups with lived experience including consumers, carers and family members as well as mental health clinicians in order to support the development of the schedule of accommodation for the new forensic hospital.

Workforce

The current workforce shortages across the public health and community sectors is a top priority and a critical issue across Government. Members discussed the importance of ensuring a coordinated implementation that brings together all the separate workforce plans and that the implementation is staged according to workforce capability. Members further noted that:

- The Lived Experience (Peer) Workforce Framework was launched and work is progressing to develop a complementary Organisational Readiness Toolkit and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander Lived Experience (Peer) Worker guide.
- Work is continuing to develop the Community Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Workforce Action Plan which will include a 5-year focus on community services and building sector capability.
- The Mental Health Commission and Health Service Providers continue to collaborate with the Department of Health in the development of the Mental Health Clinical Workforce Action Plan (Plan).

National Agenda

The National Health Amendment (Enhancing the Pharmaceutical Benefits Act) Act 2021 price reduction will be applied to a range of medicine listed on the PBS. Members noted the price reduction may have the unintended effect to make it financially untenable for manufacturers to continue to provide these products in Australia and impact the supply and availability of medicine. Issue will be raised with the Minister through MHC.

Other Items of note:

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

- Independent Review of the WA Health System Governance Report
- Culturally Safe Care for Aboriginal Consumers
- Step up/Step down Program Review
- System Wide Data Working Group

- Statutory Review of the Mental Health Act 2014
- Peak Bodies Report
- Criminal Law Mental Impairment Bill
- Use of volunteers (including lived experience) in service delivery

The next CMC meeting is scheduled for 28 February 2023.

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