



## MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 16 June 2022

The eighth meeting of the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) was held on 16 June 2022. This communique provides all stakeholders with information and outcomes from this meeting.

The purpose of the MHEC is to lead the continuous development of a mental health, alcohol and other drug (AOD) system that is efficient, sustainable, recovery-focused, and integrated with the Lived Experience perspective front and centre. The MHEC works alongside the Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council (CMC) to ensure system integration and connection of clinical services with the wider mental health and AOD sector.

The key priority projects of the MHEC and CMC continue to be, the Implementation of Infant, Child and Adolescent (ICA) Taskforce Recommendations, reform of community mental health treatment and emergency services and the Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce (GRAFT). Addressing the mental health and AOD workforce shortages and building a skilled and sustainable workforce through a suitable workforce plan and appropriate strategies are also a key priority.

### **Strengthened responsibilities for MHEC in implementation of Government priorities**

The Minister for Mental Health (Minister) has established MHEC as the appropriate forum to provide oversight and accountability for the implementation of the key strategies and initiatives commencing from July 2022. These are the Implementation of the ICA Taskforce Recommendations, the reform of Community Treatment and Emergency Services and the Mental Health Clinical Workforce Action Plan. The MHEC's Terms of Reference have been amended to reflect this. Changes are being implemented to strengthen the connection and liaison between MHEC and CMC to ensure timely consultation and inclusion of lived experience, community and sector wide perspectives to inform MHEC's decision-making process.

### **Community Mental Health Treatment and Emergency Responses**

MHEC noted the proposed next steps to inform the reform of community mental health services which is to evaluate existing initiatives, services and pilots. MHEC will be briefed out of session to endorse the workplan and agree the proposed way forward.

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

The first phase of the implementation of the Ministerial Taskforce into Public Mental Health Services for Infants, Children and Adolescents aged 0-18 years in Western Australia [Final Report](#) has begun. This involves the development of contemporary models of care for all community Infant Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (ICA) and specialised services as well as a service guarantee. The Implementation Working Group is developing targeted communications for the WA Health system and for the wider community outlining governance, working group membership and process for implementation.

### **The Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce (GRAFT)**

MHEC noted the progress of GRAFT. GRAFT is responsible for the oversight and planning for the decommissioning of services at Graylands and Selby Older Adult Mental Health Services and to inform the Government's planning and investment decisions regarding the contemporary mental health services in hospital and the community, including forensic mental health services that are needed to replace the Graylands service that meet the needs of WA.

### **Workforce Planning**

The recruitment and retention of a skilled workforce across the public health and community sectors continues to be a top priority. This is critical to the timely implementation of initiatives and sustained success of new models of service.

The Department of Health is developing a Mental Health Clinical Workforce Action Plan and will work with MHEC to develop an implementation plan which includes defining roles and responsibilities.

### **Other Items of note:**

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

- The two-yearly review of the MHEC has been postponed for 12 months given the Independent Governance Review of the *Health Services Act 2016*.

**The next MHEC meeting is scheduled for 6 September 2022.**

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