



MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 6 September 2022

The ninth meeting of the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) was held on 6 September 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, consumer-led 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 the 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.

Implementation of Infant Child and Adolescent (ICA) Recommendations

MHEC received an update of progress of ICA implementation. 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. There will be three out-of-session MHEC meetings held in October, November and December 2022 to allow for timely validation of Models of Care in order to inform the progression of business cases.

The issues surrounding service provision to 16-17-year-old cohort, who may be cared for in adult systems in some settings, was raised as needing further consideration in planning for future services.

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

MHEC supported progressing foundational preparatory works to strengthen and enhance existing services. Change management leadership will be critical in supporting transformation of services to person centric approaches. Members noted the need to establish a common understanding of key consumer pathways and contributing social factors, as well as integration of lived experience (peer) workers and partnership with Non-Government Organisations and community sector.

Workforce Planning

The Mental Health Clinical Workforce Action Plan (the Plan), led by Department of Health, focuses on the immediate and short-term clinical workforce needs. It is expected the Plan will be endorsed by MHEC out of session, for progression to the Minister for Health and Mental Health endorsement. Once endorsed, work will commence on the development of the implementation plan.

The Lived Experience (Peer) Workforce Framework, led by the Mental Health Commission (MHC), was acknowledged as a significant and important piece of work. It is currently waiting Ministerial endorsement. In the meantime, targeted Lived Experience (Peer) organisational readiness workshops with MHEC and CMC members will be organised by the project team.

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

Members are keen that all workforce plans come together in a coordinated and consultative approach to staged implementation that considers and builds workforce availability and capability.

The 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 the importance of ensuring that all HSPs are involved in GRAFT's development of the state-wide Secure Extended Care Unit (SECU) Models of Care as all HSPs state-wide will be affected.

Culturally Safe Care for Aboriginal Consumers

The [Mental Health Advocacy Service \(MHAS\) Inquiry into Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Compliance with the Mental Health Act 2014](#) made a number of recommendations to ensure mental health services are culturally safe and comply with the requirements of the Mental Health Act 2014.

MHEC endorsed the suggested approach and lead agencies to address each recommendation noting that in some cases, implementation will be subject to securing additional funding. It noted that the Department of Health Mental Health Unit will take the lead role to coordinate monitoring and reporting back to MHEC.

Other Items of note:

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

- Mental Health Network Governance and Strategic Alignment Project
- Quarterly Update - WA State Priorities Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs 2020-2024
- Hospital in the Home (HITH) Evaluation and Review
- Outcomes Measurement Framework
- National Agenda
- Initial Assessment and Referral Service
- Agency Commissioning Plan

The next MHEC meeting is scheduled for 31 October 2022.

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