



MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 31 October 2022

The tenth meeting of the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) was held on 31 October 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 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.

Changes to meeting frequency

To enable MHEC members to effectively discuss and make decisions regarding priority projects, MHEC has amended the frequency of the MHEC meetings from quarterly to monthly. These changes will be reflected in the Communique contents going forward.

Implementation of Infant Child and Adolescent (ICA) Recommendations

Members noted that the ICA Implementation Working Group (IWG) is progressing work at a rapid pace driven by government budget deadlines, noting the importance of ensuring the right level of consultation is undertaken with key stakeholders.

MHEC members noted that the service provision for 16–17year olds are critical in the development of the models of care and discussed the importance of ensuring that they are considered in the proposed models of care and/or across the system. Further discussion will be undertaken by members for clarity on the proposed solution for this cohort at upcoming MHEC meetings.

Escalation of Care and Clinical Handover to Community Mental Health Services (ECCHCMHS)

The Escalation of Care and Clinical Handover to Community Mental Health Services (ECCHCMHS) and its implementation across the Health Service Providers (HSPs) was endorsed by the MHEC members. The State-wide implementation of the Journey Board including the data sharing requirements across HSP's, was also supported. by the MHEC members.

The implementation of the ECCHCMHS will improve and standardise the clinical handover from the Mental Health Emergency Response Line ([MHERL](#)) to community mental health services and improve the outcomes of customer via a continuity of care and a timely and consistent response to people experiencing mental health challenges in the community.

The Journey Board will improve visibility of a mental health consumer's journey through mental health services to ensure timely community response and follow up after contact with mental health emergency and crisis support services.

Workforce planning

Members noted that an ICA Mental Health Workforce survey (ICA Survey) has been developed with extensive consultation.

MHEC endorsed that the ICA survey to be circulated to the ICA workforce and that the development of a broader workforce survey to be considered as part of the implementation of the Mental Health Workforce Action Plan.

Independent review of WA health system governance

MHEC noted the publication of the report and that it made several recommendations about governance of the mental health system. MHEC continues to work on the system priorities whilst awaiting further information from government regarding the recommendations of the report.

Other Items of note:

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

- Mental Health Clinical Workforce Action Plan
- MHEC Consumer and Carer Membership update
- Changes to the MHEC meeting frequency
- Step-Up Step-Down Program Review

The next MHEC meeting is scheduled for 29 November 2022.

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