



MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 29 November 2022

The eleventh meeting of the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) was held on 29 November 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 Community Treatment and Emergency Response Project, 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.

Implementation of Infant Child and Adolescent (ICA) Recommendations

The first drafts of the Models of Care (MoC's) have been developed and are undergoing consultation. The ICA Implementation Plan consists of three phases, Horizon One address the priority gaps such as workforce and infrastructure shortfalls that will enable the implementation of subsequent models of care.

Members agreed the need to embed research, evaluation and workforce recruitment and retention as a priority.

To ensure the timely budget submissions, members agreed to re-prioritise the MoC's that are critical to the 2023-24 budget submissions process for endorsement at the December 2022 MHEC meeting, with other less time-critical to be deferred to early 2023.

Consideration of the 16-17 year old cohort

Members agreed that a solution is needed for the development of adequate services for youth. MHEC members will be discussing solutions to adequate services for 16-17y-year olds in future meetings to identify proposed solutions and submit a recommendation to the Government on the way forward.

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

The project team are waiting for authorisation to go ahead with the project to bring everything together and develop a vision for community treatment services and a practical implementation plan. In the meantime, preparatory work continues. Workshops have been held with nominated mental health leads, the MHC and in consultation with Consumers of Mental Health WA, Western Australian Association for Mental Health and the WA Primary Health Alliance with the key focus being capability development, support and wellbeing of the workforce, building a future workforce, strengthening the recovery focus in existing services, enhancing the connection of services and standardising models of care.

Workforce Planning

Members noted that the [Mental Health Workforce Action Plan](#) was published on the Department of Health Website on 2 November 2022 and that the Department of Health has commenced work on the implementation plan for Phase one in consultation with health agencies and people of Lived Experience.

Members noted that recruitment is currently underway for the Executive Director Allied Health – Mental Health and Executive Director Mental Health Nursing. Both positions will assist in building capability, driving system-wide changes and in the development of contemporary mental health models of care.

Members noted that a Lived Experience Workforce implementation team has been established. The Lived Experience (peer) workforces Framework has been released and is available on the MHC website. A series of Peer Positive workshops have been run for sector leaders.

The Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce (GRAFT)

Members noted that the GRAFT project is being progressed with the first priority exploring expanded forensic bed options on the northern part of the Graylands site. Separate proposals will be developed to address other areas of need.

Review of the Mental Health Act 2014 (Statutory Review)

The Statutory is underway and includes extensive consultation with key agencies and people of Lived Experience. Members discussed the significant impact of the Statutory Review and are supportive of system improvements, noting that adequate/additional resources and leadership will be critical to enable effective change management.

Other Items of note:

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

- National Agenda

The next MHEC meeting is scheduled for 15 December 2022.

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