



MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 15 December 2022

The twelfth meeting of the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) was held on 15 December 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

Implementation of Infant Child and Adolescent (ICA) Recommendations

MHEC members endorsed, in principle, eight of the models of care. The remaining models of care will be submitted to the MHEC for endorsement at the February and March 2023 MHEC meetings.

MHEC members discussed the urgent need for clarify regarding the approach for services to 16–17year old cohort, some of whom are being cared for in adult settings. The Mental Health Commission is establishing a Youth Steering Committee to inform the development of options for MHEC consideration, with a view to provide recommendations to the Minister for Health and Mental Health.

Mental Health Clinical Workforce Action Plan

The Implementation Plan for Horizon 1 of the Mental Health Clinical Workforce Action Plan was endorsed by MHEC members noting that a broad range of stakeholders have been consulted and that the project team have been working closely with the nominated Health Service Provider Chief Executives and Lived Experience members.

Good Care for Mental Health Consumers in Emergency Department Report

Members noted the final draft report of Good Care for Mental Health Consumers in Emergency Department (ED) and endorsed the nine high level priority recommendations.

The report was commissioned by MHEC following the meeting held in March 2021. It aimed to provide MHEC members with more clarity on factors that influence the mental health consumers that attend EDs and to provide an understanding of Good Care from the consumer perspective. Stakeholder consultation was undertaken in collaboration with the Consumers of Mental Health WA (COMHWA) consumers, carers and mental health and ED staff. WA Country Health Service (WACHS) were also consulted as were community organisations and other government agencies.

Department of Health's Mental Health Unit will be meeting with stakeholders to plan for the implementation of the recommendations, with a focus on the high priority recommendations and alignment with future work being undertaken through the Community Mental Health Treatment Services (including Emergency Response Services) Project, Emergency Access Response Program and/or State Health Operations Centre.

Other Items of note:

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

- Mental Health Network Governance and Strategic Alignment Project

The next MHEC meeting is scheduled for 21 February 2023.

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