



MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 21 March 2023

The fourteenth meeting of the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) was held on 21 March 2023. 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.

Training Needs Analysis Tool

Department of Health have developed a tool to survey staff training needs to assess current mental health workforce capabilities. Results will be used to develop a 3-year clinical mental health workforce capability framework to drive training and professional development across the sector.

Implementation of Infant Child and Adolescent (ICA) Recommendations

The two final Models of Care (MoC) were presented to members for endorsement including, Early Psychosis Model of Care and Intellectual Disability, Neurodevelopmental Disorders, or Neuropsychiatric Conditions Model of Care. Members endorsed the MoC presented alongside the former three presented at the 3 March meeting including Complex Trauma, Support to Schools and Justice and Forensics.

To help drive the implementation of all Models a strategic overarching plan will be developed by the project team providing guidance. Members specifically requested that resourcing be a key focus of any implementation plan given the demands currently placed on agencies to deliver services.

Solution to 16-17 year old cohorts

Work is underway to collect data and the Mental Health Commission (MHC) will be working with Health service providers (HSP's) to collect relevant qualitative and quantitative data in relation to 16-17-year-old cohorts. Findings will be reported back to MHEC.

Community Mental Health Treatment Services, including Emergency Response Services

Phase 2 project activities are underway and on track for delivery mid-2023 and include a benchmarking exercise; review of processes for clinicians and a partnership review. MHEC members were asked to note and support that adequate resourcing is vital for the successful delivery of the project.

The Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing and Police response pilot in Broome has been delayed due to the flooding with a co-design workshop re-scheduled to June 2023.

Other Items of note:

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

- A call for a Consumer representative and HSP to attend the April meeting with the Minister for Mental Health was made.
- A farewell morning tea was held for Amanda Waegeli, consumer representative, to thank her for her contribution to the MHEC, CMC and sub-committees and her positive impact through representing consumers of Lived Experience on the transformation of mental health services in Western Australia.

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