



MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 18 April 2023

The fifteenth meeting of the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) was held on 18 April 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.

Community Mental Health Treatment Services, including Emergency Response Services

Members noted a presentation on the community needs-based modelling to enable more holistic public mental health service planning. This is a collaborative modelling exercise between the Department of Health and the Mental Health Commission includes comparison between the estimated needs and actual FTEs to estimate and inform service planning priorities. Members discussed and noted that that service transformation and rights-based frameworks is best delivered through whole of Government approach.

WA Mental Health Research Strategy

Members were provided with a presentation on the WA Mental Health Research Strategy, including updates on the next steps of the strategy. Members noted infrastructure of research and data, including the analysis of data and the ongoing need for support of the analysis. Members discussed and noted the importance of ensuring lived experience involvement and expertise during implementation of the mental health research.

Police Co-Response

Members were updated on the Police Co-Response, noting an independent review is being conducted by Ernst and Young. Members further noted that consultations are scheduled to be held with key stakeholders which include Health Service Providers and consumers.

Culturally Safe Care for Aboriginal Consumers

Members were provided with the First Quarter Report (October to December 2022) progress on actions to address the recommendations of the Mental Health Advocacy Service (MHAS) Inquiry into Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Compliance with the Mental Health Act 2014.

Other Items of note:

Progress Update regarding 2021 Election Commitments.

The next MHEC meeting is scheduled for 16 May 2023.

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