



COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 12, 9 May 2023

The 12th meeting of the Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council (CMC) was held on 9 May 2023. This Communique provides all stakeholders with information and outcomes from the meeting.

The key priority projects of the CMC and Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) continue to be the Community Treatment and Emergency Responses Project, Implementation of the Ministerial Taskforce into Public Mental Health Services for Infants, Children and Adolescents (ICA) Taskforce Recommendations, Mental Health and AOD Workforce Planning to build a skilled and sustainable workforce through a suitable workforce plan and appropriate strategies is also a key priority. CMC are also across the progress of Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce (GRAFT), which is a MHEC priority initiative.

Infant Child and Adolescent Implementation Update

Members were provided with a presentation on the ICA Program Logic. Members discussed the importance of qualitative and quantitative data, consultation with clinicians, people of Lived Experience, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders consumers as well as recognition of barriers to accessing services.

Workforce

Members were provided with an update on the progression of work underway to support the Lived Experience (Peer) Workforces. Health Service Providers have appointed three Peer Coordinators positions and outstanding appointments are in the process of being recruited and appointed to. Organisational Readiness Training across the sector is continuing and has been extended to community managed organisations. The Mental Health Commission (Commission) is continuing to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lived Experience Centre for the development of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lived Experience Guide.

Community Mental Health Treatment Services

Members noted that work on the Community Treatment and Emergency Response Services is progressing, with final phase due at the end of 2023. Members discussed the importance of ensuring that the final phase is informed by data including benchmarking and stakeholder consultation.

Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce

Members were advised of the funding allocation of \$218.9 million Graylands Forensic Taskforce and funding for an additional 53 forensic mental health beds, of which 5 beds are for a child and adolescent unit.

New Mental Health Standards – Community Managed Organisations

The new National Safety and Quality Mental Health Standards for Community Managed Organisations, which has been released by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare as presented to the CMC. Members supported a more consistent approach to accreditation and the processes to create a sense of ownership and definition of responsibilities.

Community Mental Health and Other Drugs Council Review

The final CMC Review Report and recommendations were noted and endorsed by members. The Commission will work with the CMC members to commence the implementation of the recommendations. Members endorsed that the implementation process be deferred until there is clarity on the outcome of the Independent Governance Review (IGR).

Community Mental Health and Other Drugs Council Message to the Chair of the Independent Governance Review working group

The CMC provided a message to the Chair of the IGR Working Group, highlighting the importance of ensuring that options that address the mental health and alcohol and other drug governance issues, identified through the IGR, should align with the Minister's statement of intent and include the perspective of those with lived experience, promote recovery models and shift the balance of resources towards community based support.

Other items of note:

Drug Law Reform
Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Leadership Report
WA Mental Health Research Strategy
Statutory Review of Mental Health Act Update

The next CMC meeting is scheduled for 1 August 2023.

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