



MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 16 May 2023

The sixteenth meeting of the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) was held on 16 May 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.

Infant, Child and Adolescent (ICA) Implementation Update

Members were advised of the \$35.5 million allocation of funds towards the ICA related initiatives including the pilot ICA Mental Health Service hub in Bunbury and the acute care and response teams within the East Metropolitan Health Service catchment areas.

Infant, Child and Adolescent (ICA) Workforce

Members were provided with the ICA Training Needs Analysis – Final Report, which identifies the future capability needs of the ICA mental health workforce. Members discussed the need for competency-based training commencing as soon as possible, noting the timeliness within the system, and recommended that the training be specifically designed to the services and or programs, to ensure effective models of service.

Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce (GRAFT)

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

Culturally Safe Care for Aboriginal Consumers

Members were provided with a presentation on 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:

Active Rectory Team (Art) Pilot Program Review paper noted.

The next MHEC meeting is scheduled for 20 June 2023.

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