



MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

The 20th meeting of the Mental Health Executive Committee (MHEC) was held on 19 September 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 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 (CTER) 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.

Due to the release of the outcomes of the Independent Governance Review of WA Health (IGR), the 19 September 2023 MHEC meeting was dedicated predominantly to IGR discussion.

Independent Governance Review of WA Health System (IGR)

Members were provided with an update on the IGR recommendations, in particular recommendations 14 and 15, noting that the Commission and the Department of Health (DoH) would work collaboratively to implement the immediate next steps.

Members noted that the current governance arrangements will continue until the end of the year, and the MHEC and CMC will be consulted on the implementation of the new governance structure.

Members discussed the new Outcomes Based Framework which has a strong cultural change focus and noted the importance of documenting and clearly defining cultural change through incorporating input from Lived Experience leaders.

Review of the Community Mental Health Treatment Services, including Emergency Response Services (CTER)

Members were advised that a Project Reference Group, Clinical Reference Group and Lived Experience Reference Group has now been established. These Groups will inform the CTER Governance Report, which will be presented to Government by the end of 2023.

Other Items of note:

- Key Priority Initiatives Endorsed by Mental Health Leads Sub-Committee;
- 2022 Your Experience Survey.

The next MHEC meeting is scheduled for 26 October 2023.

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