



ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD

COMMUNIQUE – MEETING 7 AUGUST 2024

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board (AODAB) is established pursuant to s.14 of the *Alcohol and Other Drug Act 1974* (the Act) to provide advice to the CEO (the Mental Health Commissioner) about matters relevant to performance of functions under section 11 - the functions of the CEO. In fulfilling this purpose, the AODAB consults with the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and related sectors to ensure advice to the Mental Health Commissioner (the Commissioner) reflects the broad range of views and experience of people affected by AOD related harm, such as communities, young people, the ageing population and those with co-occurring health issues such as mental health conditions.

The AODAB is committed to communicating information about its work where possible, and it was agreed to provide a publicly available communique, in broad terms, about the activities of the AODAB.

This communique provides all stakeholders with information from the 7 August 2024 meeting.

Updates from the Mental Health Commission

The AODAB welcomes the positive outcomes that have arisen out of previous advice it submitted to the Commissioner.

The AODAB reflected on its progress against its work plan and identified new priorities to address. The AODAB has agreed to explore the potential of digital health to contribute to enhanced coordination of and access to quality care.

The AODAB welcomes the opportunity to further collaborate with the Mental Health Commission on the development of the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy 2025-2030 and the Outcomes Measurement Framework.

The AODAB received an overview on the Alcohol and Drug Support Service and the Parent and Family Drug Support program. The AODAB found the service and program very beneficial.

The AODAB discussed AOD in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities and has agreed to further consider this issue.

The AODAB has agreed that the Assistant Commissioner AOD and the Director of the Office of AOD are welcome to attend meetings as observers to facilitate close collaboration with these officers.

The AODAB endorsed its new logo, which was created by the Mental Health Commission as a result of, and to align with, its recent rebranding.

The next AODAB meeting is scheduled for 25 September 2024.