

MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT PROJECT

COMMUNIQUE – STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, 25 JUNE 2021

The Mental Health Network (MHN) Governance and Strategic Alignment Project (Project) Steering Committee's purpose is to manage the performance and delivery of the MHN Governance and Strategic Alignment Project as described in the Project's Terms of Reference.

The Steering Committee met for the first time on Friday, 25 June 2021 and is Co-Chaired by John Brearley, Assistant Director System Engagement, Mental Health Commission (MHC) and Rod Astbury, MHN Community Co-Lead.

This communique has been developed to provide all stakeholders with information and outcomes from this meeting.

The MHC and MHN have worked together to develop a Project Terms of Reference to support the role, function and repositioning of the MHN to reflect new system governance arrangements. The Project seeks to ensure the MHN is optimally placed to continue to provide important advice that supports the effective delivery of the Western Australian State Priorities.

The first meeting introduced the Steering Committee to the MHC Project Team and external consultant, who will drive the day to day work associated with the Project. The Project Terms of Reference and the Project Steering Committee Terms of Reference were formally endorsed and are now available on the MHN Project landing page of the MHC website here: <https://www.mhc.wa.gov.au/about-us/mental-health-network/mental-health-network-governance-and-strategic-alignment-project/>

Following discussion at the meeting, a consultation plan is currently being drafted by the external consultant and MHC Project Team. It is proposed that the draft consultation plan be presented to the Steering Committee at the next meeting.

The Steering Committee meetings are scheduled on a fortnightly basis with the next meeting on Friday, 9 June 2021. The Communique and other relevant supporting documents will be loaded on to the MHC website one week following the meeting. All MHN members and stakeholders are encouraged to follow the progress of the project via the MHN website.

Please feel free to distribute this Communique to your wider networks.

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