

MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT PROJECT

COMMUNIQUE – STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST 2021

This communique has been developed to provide all stakeholders with information and outcomes from the Steering Committee meeting on Friday, 13 August 2021.

This project seeks to work with the Mental Health Network (MHN) Co-Leads, Executive Advisory Group (EAG) and Sub Networks to build on previous reviews and recommendations to define the unique role of the MHN in the view of the new governance structure. Ultimately the project will provide processes, structures and materials to ensure the MHN program is optimally placed to continue to provide important advice that supports the effective delivery of the WA State Priorities Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs 2020 - 2024.

For additional information and terms of reference refer to the Project landing page on the Mental Health Commission (MHC) website [here](#).

The external consultant, Jane Forward of [janeforward Consulting](#), engaged by the MHC, presented the results from the consultation workshops held on Wednesday, 28 July 2021 and Friday, 30 July 2021. The workshops focused on six key questions designed to support internal discussion amongst attendees.

Attendance was split over two workshops with participation from the MHN Community Co-Lead, Outgoing MHN Clinical Co-Lead, members of the MHN EAG, Representatives from the MHN Sub Network Steering Committees, MHC Liaison Representatives and MHC Executive Sponsors. A balanced mix of consumers, carers and family members, non-government organisations and Health Service Providers were included in the consultation process.

Steering Committee members received an update on the findings of the workshops ahead of the Virtual Validation Session to be held on Tuesday, 17 August 2021 with invitations being extended to all those who participated in the consultation workshops. The purpose of the Virtual Validation Session is to present the conclusions drawn from the consultation process and 'check-in' with consultation participants to ensure that nothing has been overlooked.

The Steering Committee members provided support for the information presented and suggested minor changes to the findings for clarification.

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