

MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT PROJECT

COMMUNIQUE – STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, 9 November 2021

This communique has been developed to provide all stakeholders with information and outcomes from the Steering Committee meeting on Tuesday, 9 November 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 Western Australian State Priorities.

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

Steering Committee members were asked to review the final report from the External Consultant, Mental Health Network Governance and Strategic Alignment Project Report (Report) and give their endorsement and feedback into each of the eight recommendations. Also provided with the Report was a draft Orientation Pack designed by the External Consultant, which was to demonstrate to Steering Committee members what the recommendations would look like in action.

The Report and all eight recommendations were endorsed, with discussion based around the re-wording of some of the terminology which could be further defined through the implementation process.

Agenda items for the next Steering Committee meeting were determined to be:

- Evaluation of Sub Network Steering Committee Membership;
- Support for Lived Experience Sub Network Steering Committee Members; and
- Feedback on the draft Orientation Pack.

Members agreed that activities that are functioning effectively would continue to be supported under the MHN or through other avenues. MHC will work with each of the sub Networks to define implementation and next steps.

MHC representatives confirmed that they would commence transition planning and the next steps for progressing the Report to the Mental Health Commissioner for review.

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