

MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT PROJECT

COMMUNIQUE – STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, 15 December 2021

This communique has been developed to provide all stakeholders with information and outcomes from the Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday, 15 December 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](#).

The focus of the Steering Committee meeting was to address key recommendations in the Mental Health Network Governance and Strategic Alignment Project Report (Report).

Steering Committee members considered the draft Orientation Pack and were invited to provide comment out of session as well as providing comment on the core functions of the MHN, and role and responsibility of the proposed Network Manager position.

The agenda for the next meeting will focus on:

- Endorsement of the MHN purpose and core functions;
- Endorsement of the role and responsibilities of the Network Manager position;
- Endorsement of Sub Network membership portfolios; and
- Discussion on next steps focusing on implementation.

The MHC has confirmed that a verbal briefing to the Mental Health Commissioner on the Report is scheduled to occur prior to the end of the year.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in February 2022.

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