



# **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD**

## **COMMUNIQUE – MEETING 14 FEBRUARY 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, the 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 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 illness.

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 Board.

This communique provides all stakeholders with information from the 14 February 2024 meeting.

### **Alcohol and Other Drugs Leadership Competencies**

The AODAB was updated on the AOD Leadership role and the development of competencies. The AODAB was advised of work being initiated to better define 'AOD Lived Experience' within a governance setting.

### **Stigma and Discrimination**

The AODAB received a presentation from the Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA) on the Common Cause Framework's approach to stigma and discrimination within the AOD space. The AODAB supported the use of the Common Cause approach in addressing these issues.

### **Emerging Drug Network of Australia**

The AODAB was provided with an update regarding the Emerging Drug Network of Australia (EDNA) project. The AODAB emphasised the importance of what EDNA had achieved and the need for the continuation of their work.

*The next AODAB meeting is scheduled for 24 April 2024.*