



Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Ministerial Advisory Panel – Communique Meeting 29 July 2024

This communique provides all stakeholders with information and outcomes from the meeting of the Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Ministerial Advisory Panel (MAP) held on 29 July 2024.

The MAP provides direct feedback to the Minister for Health; Mental Health (Minister) about system performance and reform progress. This advice contributes to the delivery of a system that adopts a person and family-centred approach and encapsulates whole of system priorities. It also includes the transition to more community-based services that provide prevention, earlier intervention, and diversion away from acute in-patient services to achieve better outcomes for individuals, families and the Western Australian community. The MAP is also the forum through which the Minister provides updates to the mental health and alcohol and other drugs sectors on strategic priorities.

Ministers Update

The Minister provided members with an update on several items including an upcoming National Health Ministers meeting, which will include a focus on mental health reform, interstate links, workforce, child and youth and psychosocial support.

Infant, Child and Adolescent (ICA) Project Update

An update was provided to members on the ICA budget. The Minister requested an update on ICA implementation to be provided at a future MAP meeting. Discussions centred on the ongoing work to respond to ICA recommendations, the progress of work to measure the ICA outcomes and the structure of oversight of implementation. Members were asked to provide suggestions for additional methods of communication to update members and the broader public on progress of the ICA program.

Paediatrics and Alcohol and Other Drug Use

Members discussed the topic and the types and possibility of a response for those in need. This included providing immediate acute responses as required as well as seeking advice and information from key stakeholders to inform guidelines in the future. An update on this will be provided to the MAP in a future meeting agenda.

Power and Power Imbalance Exercise

Members contributed to a conversation on the topic of power and addressing any potential imbalance within MAP meetings. Further conversations will occur in future MAP meetings on this topic.

Definition of Shared Language

Members supported the establishment of a language guide, to assist in establishing a shared understanding of terminology used. It is an iterative process and is to be updated as needed.

Joint Leadership Group Update

The Mental Health Commissioner provided an update on the most recent Joint Leadership Group (JLG) meeting, acknowledging the recent commencement of four Assistant Commissioners at the Mental Health Commission (Commission) and their addition to JLG as Strategic Advisors. The main priorities of the JLG have been endorsed as an Annual Workplan which will be distributed to members for noting. Discussion occurred around Alcohol and Other Drug representation on JLG with the Acting Assistant Director General, Public and Aboriginal Health (Department of Health) and Assistant Commissioner, Alcohol and Other Drugs (Commission) fulfilling this role.

MAP Program of Works

It was requested from members that any potential topics be provided through the Co-Chairs for approval.

The next MAP meeting is scheduled for 8 October 2024.

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