Mental Health Advisory Council

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
11 August 2011
8.00am – 12.30noon

ATTENDEES

Dr Judy Edwards	Deputy Chair
Mr Joe Calleja	
Mr Geoff Diver	
Dr John Edwards	
Ms Pam Gardner	
Ms Katherine Hams	
Mr Lindsay Smoker	
Dr Alexandra Welborn	
Dr Bernadette Wright	

PROXIES AND GUESTS

Mr Wynne James	Mental Health Commission (9am – 9.45am)
Mr Gary Budge	Western Australia Police (9am – 9.45am)
Ms Louise Southalan	Mental Health Commission (9am – 9.45am)
Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck	Mental Health Commission (10am – 11am)
Ms Danuta Pawelek	Mental Health Commissioner (10am – 11am)
Mr Stephen Hall	Western Australia Association for Mental Health (WAAMH) (11.30am – 12.30pm)
Marita Walker	WAAMH (11.30am – 12.30pm)
Anna Roberts	WAAMH (11.30am – 12.30pm)

APOLOGIES

Barry MacKinnon AM	Chair
Ms Margaret Doherty	
Prof Dianne Wynaden	

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT
Cath Polley

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Deputy Chair formally opened the meeting at 8:15am.

Apologies were received from Mr Barry MacKinnon, Ms Margaret Doherty and Professor Dianne Wynaden.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

All members accepted minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July 2011and there were no outstanding action items from the previous meeting.

3. MHAC PRIORITIES

Mental Health Bill Update
Dr Edwards advised that the sub-committee has continued to meet on a regular basis since its formation in June 2011. The sub committee understands that the Government intends to table a draft Mental Health Bill in Parliament in late 2011. The draft Bill will be released for public comment.

Communication Strategy
Dr Edwards reported that the Chair met with the Mental Health Commissioner to discuss the MHAC communication strategy going forward. It was agreed that the Western Australian Association for Mental Health Board would be invited to attend today's meeting to present to the MHAC on their top priorities for the next 6-12 months. It was agreed that public consultation processes would not be embarked upon until next year, when the MHAC is further established.

Chair in Social and Cultural Psychiatry
Joe Calleja provided a briefing regarding the possible establishment of a Chair in Social and Cultural Psychiatry at one of the Universities in Western Australia. This was supported by members of the MHAC and it was agreed that the Chair and Deputy Chair would discuss the matter further with the Mental Health Commissioner before the next meeting.

4. GUEST PRESENTATION

Mr Wynne James and Ms Louise Southalan from the Mental Health Commission, along with Mr Gary Budge from the Western Australia Police attended the meeting and provided a presentation in relation to the Mental Health Court Diversion and Support Program. This also included the preferred model for WA police diversion for people with a mental illness and an alternative option for the safe transport of mental health consumers between hospitals.

5. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC) UPDATE

Danuta Pawelek, Director, Performance and Reporting Directorate of the Mental Health Commission provided an overview of the Performance and Reporting Directorate and the major roles, work priorities and portfolios that they are currently undertaking.

Mr Eddie Bartnik was an apology for the meeting and Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck attended in his place providing the MHAC members with an update on current MHC business.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A general discussion occurred about a range of topical issues relevant to Mental Health.

7. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH (WAAMH)

Mr Stephen Hall, Executive Director, Marita Walker, WAAMH Acting President and Anna Roberts, Vice President WAAMH attended the meeting and provided an overview of the WAAMH organisation. They discussed two of their key themes and priorities which are Recovery and Early Intervention and provided an overview on their current projects.

8. CLOSE

The meeting formally closed at 12.30pm.

9. NEXT MEETING

Technology Park Function Centre
Boardroom
2 Brodie Hall Drive, Bentley
Thursday 8 September 2011
8.30am – 11.30pm