Mental Health Advisory Council

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
9 February 2012
8.30am – 12.30pm

ATTENDEES

Barry MacKinnon	Chair
Dr Judy Edwards	Deputy Chair
Mr Joe Calleja	
Mr Geoff Diver	
Ms Margaret Doherty	
Dr John Edwards	
Ms Pam Gardner	
Mr John Hesketh	
Mr Lindsay Smoker	
Dr Alexandra Welborn	
Dr Bernadette Wright	
Prof Dianne Wynaden	
Ms Cath Polley (Executive Support)	

APOLOGIES
Ms Kate Hams

PROXIES AND GUESTS

Mr Clive Elliott	Agency Coordinator, One Life Suicide Prevention Strategy, Centrecare Incorporated (9.30am-10.30am)
Ms Jenny Allen	Member, Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention (9.30am-10.30am)
Mr Eddie Bartnik	Commissioner, Mental Health Commission (MHC) (10.30am-11.30am)
Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck	Director, Organisational Reform, MHC (10.30–12.00noon)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair formally opened the meeting at 8.30am.

Apologies were received from Ms Kate Hams.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

All members accepted minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 December 2011.

3. MHAC Priorities

Meeting Schedule

Members reviewed the meeting schedule. The Chair noted that the July 2012 meeting would involve Country presentations. Country/Rural representatives to provide a list of potential guests and presenters for discussion at the next meeting.

Mental Health Bill Update

The Minister for Mental Health launched the Mental Health Bill at His Majesty's Theatre on Friday 16 December 2011 which was well attended and had good media coverage.

A number of public forums are being held in Perth and regional Western Australia.

Submissions close on 9th March 2012. The Sub-committee will meet prior to closing of the submissions to discuss and make recommendations.

Therapeutic Communities Briefing
No further update to report.

Chair in Social and Cultural Psychiatry
At the meeting held on 13 December 2011, Dr Daniel Rock and Professor Sacha Janca provided the committee with an overview of their current research projects. At the meeting of 7 February 2012, Professor Jill Downie and Dr Neale Fong attended from Curtin University and provided an overview of their current research projects.

It was noted that Curtin University have announced a new Curtin School of Medicine to be based at the Bentley Campus. The medical degree is proposed to commence in 2014.

Professor Cobie Rudd will be contacted and a request made to attend the March meeting to provide an overview of current research at Edith Cowan University.

Patient Confidentiality and Discharge Planning
Geoff Diver continues to work on his literature review which he confirms will be completed by the next meeting in March 2012. All members received a copy of the Terms of Reference and the media release in relation to the Review of the admission or referral to and the discharge and transfer practices of public mental health facilities/services in Western Australia that is being undertaken by Professor Bryant Stokes. The Chair and Deputy Chair are meeting with Professor Stokes in February 2012.

Workforce Briefing
A briefing was provided to MHAC members on workforce planning and development. Members discussed the contents of the briefing and have requested further information including a presentation on the Mental Health Professional Online Development (MHPOD).

Graylands Health Campus Briefing
A briefing was provided to MHAC members on the current status of the Graylands Health Campus. Members discussed the contents and requested that some further items be added to the briefing.

Mandatory Sentencing Workshop Briefing
Members reviewed the Draft Program for 4 April 2012. The Minister for Mental Health has confirmed that she will be able to attend on this date. A couple of changes were made to the invite list. The sub-committee will be informed about these changes so that invitations can be finalised and sent.

5. GUEST PRESENTATION – ONE LIFE SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY

Mr Clive Elliott, Agency Coordinator from Centrecare Incorporated and Ms Jenny Allen, member of the Ministerial Council on Suicide Prevention attended the meeting and provided a presentation on the One Life Suicide Prevention Strategy to Council members.

6. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION UPDATE
Mr Eddie Bartnik, Commissioner, Mental Health Commission provided updates on the National 10 Year Roadmap, National Partnership Agreement, review of discharge planning, mandatory sentencing forum, Executive positions in the MHC and Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck provided an update on the public information sessions being held in Perth and regional WA in relation to the draft Mental Health Bill.

7. CLOSE
The meeting formally closed at 12.30pm

8. NEXT MEETING

Technology Park Function Centre
Boardroom
2 Brodie Hall Drive
Bentley
Thursday 8 March 2012
8.30am – 12.00noon