

MENTAL HEALTH DRUG & ALCOHOL PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE

**29 May 2015
9:30am – 3.30pm AEDT**

Melbourne Airport Parkroyal

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Michael Pervan (Chair pm session)	Tasmania (by teleconference)
Paul Smith (Chair am sessions)	Victoria
Richard Bromhead	Australian Capital Territory
John Allan	Queensland (and SCPSC Chair)
Aaron Groves	South Australia
Mark Booth	Australian Government
Tim Marney	Western Australia
Veronica Snook	Northern Territory (by teleconference)
Peter Carter	New South Wales
Narelle Butt	Tasmania
Dean Miller	South Australia, IGCD Deputy Chair
Neil Guard	Western Australia (and IGCD Chair) (by teleconference for Items 6.1 & 6.2)

Observers

Grant Sara	MHISSC Chair
Colleen Krestensen	Australian Government
Monique Muchutta	Australian Government
Elizabeth Koff	New South Wales

In attendance for Item 4.1

Martin Turnbull	Victoria
Fiona Nicholls	Australian Government (by teleconference)
Nick Hartland	Australian Government
Eddie Bartnik	NDIA
Frank Quinlan	Mental Health Australia
Josh Fear	Mental Health Australia
Daniel Casey	Mental Health Australia
David McGrath	Mental Health Australia - consultant

Secretariat

Geraldine Carling	SQPSC Secretariat & MHDAPC support
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APOLOGIES

Mark Cormack	Australian Government
John Crawshaw	New Zealand
JulieAnne Anderson	MHDAPC Secretariat

1. Welcome and apologies

The Committee:

- **Noted** attendees and apologies.

2. Acceptance of minutes of meetings held on 6 February 2015

The Committee:

- **Accepted** the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2015 noting a minor correction to the spelling of the South Australian representative's name (Taurin Bastiampillai).

3. Business arising from the minutes

The Committee:

- **Noted** the following updates on actions from the last meeting:

Item			Comment
2015.01	ATSI mental health	Commonwealth to provide information from PM&C regarding Aboriginal and Torres strait Islander social and emotional wellbeing	Completed
2015.02	ATSI mental health	Secretariat to work with WA to finalise the background Paper and submit to the AHMAC Secretariat	Completed – Submitted to AHMAC
2015.03	Mid-Year Economic Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) savings measure	Include MYFEO savings measure on the AHMAC CEOs only meeting agenda	Completed – Paper submitted for discussion at AHMAC CEO's in March 2015
2015.04	NDIS and mental health	Circulate Project Brief for NDIS project	Completed
2015.05	MHPOD	Progress negotiations regarding MHPOD new contract arrangements out-of-session	Completed OOS
2015.06	MHDAPC workplan and budget	Prepare budget and covering paper for AHAMC outlining the challenges and funding differences which impact on the work of MHDAPC	Completed – submitted and discussed at March 2015 AHMAC meeting

4. Strategic Discussion

4.1 NDIS and mental health (Paul Smith, Agenda Paper 4.1)

The Committee:

- **Noted** the Mental Health Australia presentation (*The NDIS and mental health; Key policy and governance questions*), analysis paper and tabled list of questions for MHDAPC
- **Noted** the current status of work on mental health aspects of the NDIS and the challenges in achieving an integrated and comprehensive overall system of care and support
- **Noted** that states and territories are at various process stages of reconciling authorising arrangements between central agencies and Health Departments

- **Noted** the local challenges in bedding down and resolving issues particularly around anticipated jurisdictional contributions and program design elements that will remain the responsibility of jurisdictions where services are outside of the NDIS
- **Noted** concerns regarding:
 - the cohort of consumers who would qualify for NDIS but risk falling through the gaps as jurisdictions find it difficult to engage and/or consumers find it difficult to advocate for themselves
 - the cohort of severe functional disability related to their mental illness who require persistent service support/assertive outreach support
 - the number of adolescents and children not considered in scope for early intervention for NDIS during policy development
- **Noted** the anxiety and disruption in the sector, in particular uncertainty around service provider contracts, and what it means for continuity of care and the workforce
- **Noted** the difficulties associated with cross portfolio governance arrangements and that Officer level discussions, rather than Ministerial level, may assist in resolving issues
- **Noted** an interest in having a dialogue with other principal committees, particularly the Hospitals Principal Committee
- **Agreed** that the template to complete the 'compendium of issues' for those jurisdiction that have not yet provided input be recirculated to advice resolution of national issues
- **Agreed** to report to AHMAC on this work and on the need for ongoing formalised liaison mechanisms with the NDIA and relevant disability support mechanisms.

ACTION 2015.07: Secretariat to recirculate the 'compendium of issues' to ensure jurisdictions have an opportunity to provided input.

ACTION 2015.08: Victoria, with input from NSW, to prepare AHMAC paper on the status and key issues relating to the NDIS and mental health and seek MHDAPC comment OOS.

ACTION 2015.09: Secretariat to discuss opportunities for cross-principal committee engagement on the NDIS with the MHDAPC Chair.

5. MHDAPC business

5.1 Development of the Fifth National Mental Health Plan (Paul Smith and Mark Booth, Agenda Paper 5.1)

The Committee:

- **Noted** action is required to finalise the historical architecture of the COAG Mental Health Working Group
- **Agreed** to a targeted 'rapid' review of the Fourth Plan, undertaken with the assistance of a one-off workshop with input from jurisdictions and stakeholders, to inform development of the Fifth Plan
- **Noted** the considerable good will amongst member to progress the development of next National Mental Health Plan also noting continued commitment from all jurisdictions is required
- **Noted** stakeholder expectations and the need to ensure active engagement
- **Noted** the opportunity for the Fifth Plan to have a broader platform than mental health with bipartisan support
- **Noted** some concerns around the timeframes and expectations, and the need for timely advice regarding funding commitment to enable consideration within budget cycles

- **Noted** and accepted the Australian Government's offer to provide secretariat and consultancy services to support development of the Fifth Plan
- **Agreed** to the Commonwealth convening a time limited Working Group of the MHDAPC to progress development of the Fifth Plan, with MHDAPC agreement to Terms of Reference for the Group to be progress out of session
- **Agreed** to the nomination of Aaron Groves (SA), Peter Carter (NSW) and Tim Marney (WA) on the Working Group
- **Agreed** to an approach to consultation with stakeholders
- **Agreed** to the timeframe for finalisation of the Fifth Plan by December 2015
- **Agreed** to the overall scope of the Fifth Plan in the context of the need to address suicide prevention as well as mental health issues
- **Agreed** to the inclusion of 'Suicide Prevention' in the title of the Fifth Plan
- **Agreed** to strongly encourage consideration of the development of a broader plan and seek guidance regarding formal approval by COAG
- **Agreed** to the MHDAPC submitting an Agenda Paper to AHMAC for the 12 June 2015 meeting on the approach to the development of the Fifth Plan.

ACTION 2015.10: The Commonwealth and MHDAPC Secretariat to prepare AHMAC agenda paper on the approach to the development of the Fifth Plan for the AHMAC meeting on 12 June meeting.

ACTION 2015.11: The Commonwealth to convene a time limited MHDAPC Fifth Plan Working Group, facilitate an early workshop session and seek MHDAPC agreement to the Group's TOR out of session.

5.2 Interstate Agreements (John Allan, Agenda Paper 5.2)

The Committee:

- **Noted** the jurisdictional progress on bilateral agreements for cross-border transfer of people with mental illness and the issues detailed in the report
- **Supported** Queensland continuing to coordinate the annual reporting to MHDAPC on jurisdictional progress on bilateral agreements.

5.3 National Mental Health Services Planning Framework (Mark Booth, Agenda Paper 5.3)

The Committee:

- **Noted** the update on the progress of the development of the National Mental Health Service Planning Framework
- **Noted** the consensus to deliver a national framework that is valuable while acknowledging there are slightly differing views on how the framework is translated into action
- **Noted** that in addition to known issues, there is potential to incorporate additional elements (for example training and workforce) and the work of IHPA which has progressed in parallel
- **Agreed** to the formation of a small time limited working group to review and address the known issues of the Framework with the intention of developing a first working version for public release
- **Agreed** a review process be incorporated into the Framework to ensure the tool remains contemporary
- **Noted** and accepted the Commonwealth's offer to lead and progress the next stage of work including convening a small MHDAPC working group

- **Noted** the timeline of finalising and seeking endorsement of the Framework by the end of 2015 is considered achievable.

ACTION 2015.12: The Commonwealth to convene a small time limited MHDAPC working group to develop a final working version of the National Mental Health Service Planning Framework.

6 MHDAPC business

6.1 Development of next National Drug Strategy (Neil Guard, Agenda Paper 6.1)

The Committee:

- **Noted** the update on the progress of the development of the next National Drug Strategy
- **Noted** the situational report that came from the national consultation process and documentation review
- **Noted** endorsement of the Draft Strategy is expected to be sought from relevant Government Ministers in August 2015 with a final consultation to follow prior to endorsement by the end of 2015.

6.2 National project on electronic nicotine delivery systems (Neil Guard, Agenda Paper 6.2)

The Committee:

- **Noted** the update on the status of the IGCD's national project on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS).

6.3 National Ice Taskforce (Mark Booth, Agenda Paper 6.3)

The Committee:

- **Noted** the update on the work of the National Ice Taskforce and development of the National Ice Action Strategy
- **Noted** the Strategy is due to go to COAG for endorsement before the end 2015.

ACTION 2015.13: The Commonwealth to provide advice to the MHDAPC on the formal evaluation process of the advertising campaign.

6.4 Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee update (Grant Sara, Agenda Paper 6.4)

The Committee:

- **Noted** the update from the Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee (MHISSC) including:
 - the Your Experience of Service (YES) questionnaire
 - the Living in the Community questionnaire
 - Mapping Performance Frameworks and Indicators
 - MHISSC meeting structure and AHMAC budget bid.
- **Noted** the discussion on the *Status report in measuring recovery in Australian Mental Health Services* including:

- a number of areas identified in the recommendations could be progressed now without considerable investment; for MHISSC to consider noting the SQPSC interest
- the considerable investment in information development and measurement priorities that is expected to extend into the Fifth Plan.

6.5 Safety and Quality Partnership Standing Committee update (John Allan, Agenda Paper 6.5)

The Committee:

- **Noted** the update from the Safety and Quality Partnership Standing Committee (SQPSC) including updates on the following topics:
 - Medication safety project
 - National Seclusion and Restraint Forum and the broader approach to reducing restrictive practice
 - National Seclusion and Restraint Data Working Group
 - Restraint Working Group
 - Workforce Subcommittee
 - Work plan priorities in 2015-16 and resourcing
- **Noted** the SQPSC strongly supports the inclusion of physical health care as a national priority area to be addressed in the Fifth Plan.

7. Other Business

7.1 International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership (Grant Sara)

The Committee:

- **Noted** the verbal update on the IIMHL including:
 - the 2015 Leadership Exchange will be held across Canadian and US sites later this year along with a Sponsoring Countries Leadership Group (SCLG) meeting in Vancouver
 - planning has commenced for the next Leadership Exchange which will be held in Sydney in early 2017.

8. Correspondence

The Committee:

- **Noted** the incoming correspondence:
 - Chair AHMAC, letter regarding the strategic discussion on ATSI mental health and wellbeing
- **Noted** the outgoing correspondence:
 - AHMAC Secretariat, regarding paper for the March 2015 AHMAC meeting
 - AHMAC Secretariat, regarding the OOS paper on the National Drug Strategy for consideration by CHC
 - Nick Hartland, DSS regarding invitation to attend MHDAPC strategic discussion on NDIS and mental health
 - Executive Officer NMHCCF, regarding ongoing funding for the NMHCCF and need for evaluation of outcomes

- Chair HWPC to commence discussions regarding opportunities for the IGCD and HWPC to progress the IGCD's National Alcohol and Other Drugs Workforce Strategy.

9. OOS paper outcomes log

Noted

10. Next meeting

Date and location of the next meeting to be advised.

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Summary of Action Items

Completion quick guide*	Action Item no.	Meeting date	Topic	Action	Responsibility	Date required/ Instructions	Date complete/comment
ACTIONS FROM 29 May 2015 MEETING							
	2015.07	29/05/15	NDIS and mental health	Recirculate the 'compendium of issues' to ensure jurisdictions have an opportunity to provided input.	Secretariat		
✓	2015.08	29/05/15		Prepare AHMAC paper on the status and key issues relating to the NDIS and mental health and seek MHDAPC comment OOS.	Victoria with NSW		For discussion 21 Sept 2015
	2015.09	29/05/15		Discuss cross-principal committee dialogue with Chair.	Secretariat/Chair		
✓	2015.10	29/05/15	Development of the Fifth National Mental Health Plan	Prepare AHMAC agenda paper on the approach to the development of the Fifth Plan for the AHMAC meeting on 12 June meeting	Commonwealth / Secretariat		OOS paper prepared
✓✓	2015.11	29/05/15		Convene a time limited MHDAPC Fifth Plan Working Group, facilitate an early workshop session and seek MHDAPC agreement to the Group's TOR out of session.	Commonwealth		First meeting 30 June 2015
✓✓	2015.12	29/05/15	National Mental Health Service Planning Framework	Convene a small time limited MHDAPC working group to develop a final working version of the National Mental Health Service Planning Framework.	Commonwealth		
	2015.13	29/05/15	National Ice Taskforce	Provide advice to the MHDAPC on the formal evaluation process of the advertising campaign.	Commonwealth		
ACTIONS FROM 6 FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING							
✓✓	2015.01	06/02/15	ATSI mental health	Provide information from PM&C regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social and emotional wellbeing	Commonwealth		

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✓✓	2015.02	06/02/15		Work with WA to finalise the Background Paper and submit to the AHMAC Secretariat	Secretariat		
✓✓	2015.03	06/02/15	Mid-Year Economic Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) savings measure	Include MYFEO savings measure on the AHMAC CEOs only meeting agenda	Secretariat		
✓✓	2015.04	06/02/15	NDIS and mental health	Circulate Project Brief for NDIS project	Victoria		
✓✓	2015.05	06/02/15	MHPOD	Progress negotiations regarding MHPOD new contract arrangements out-of-session	SQPSC		
✓✓	2015.06	06/02/15	MHDAPC workplan and budget	Prepare budget and covering paper for AHMAC outlining the challenges and funding differences which impact on the work of the MHDAPC	Secretariat		
ACTIONS FROM 12 NOVEMBER 2014 MEETING							
✓✓	2014.36	12/11/14		Prepare AHMAC paper on the NDIS and mental health and to include NDIS as a standing agenda item	Secretariat		
✓	2014.37	12/11/14		Prepare a draft table for a compendium of work on the NDIS rollout in mental health	Fiona Wynn		To be discussed at Agenda Item 4.3
✓✓	2014.38	12/11/14	ATSI mental health	Organise a meeting of the working group to progress the development of a paper for AHMAC on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health	MHDAPC Secretariat		Draft AHMAC Background paper to be discussed at 6 February 2015 meeting
✓✓	2014.39	12/11/14	Seclusion and restraint	Prepare an OOS paper for AHMAC on the national mental health seclusion and restraint data collection and reporting	SQPSC		Completed
✓✓	2014.40	12/11/14	National Drug Strategy	Prepare AHMAC paper on National Drug Strategy actions for consideration at the 28 November 2014 meeting	MHDAPC Secretariat		

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✓	2014.41	12/11/14	Medicinal cannabis	Progress development of Discussion Paper on the medicinal use of cannabis and progress to MHDAPC OOS	IGCD		
✓✓	2014.42	12/11/14	Methamphetamines	Progress information on methamphetamines to AHMAC out-of-session	MHDAPC Secretariat		Noted by AHMAC
✓✓	2014.43	12/11/14	NMHCCF	Inform NMHCCF of the outcomes of their funding request and the need to undertake an evaluation	MHDAPC Chair		
ACTIONS FROM 12 AUGUST 2014 MEETING							
✓✓	2014.28	12/08/14	Review of the Fourth National Mental Health Plan	Prepare a paper on the background to the Review of the Fourth National Mental Health Plan and an update on progress	MHDAPC Secretariat and the Commonwealth		Update provided for 12 November 2014 meeting
✓✓	2014.29	12/08/14	Alcohol Consumption in Australia – Trends and Evidence	Progress the Alcohol Consumption in Australia – Trends and Evidence discussion paper to the September 2014 AHMAC meeting	MHDAPC Secretariat		
✓✓	2014.30	12/08/14	Request from the NMHC for use of the National Minimum Data Sets	Data Protocol Working Group to develop the data protocol for out-of-session consideration by MHDAPC prior to submission to AHMAC	MHDAPC Secretariat		
✓✓	2014.31	12/08/14	MHPOD new contract arrangements	Provide a response to the Secretariat regarding their support for the new contract arrangements and funding proposal by 20 August 2014	All MHDAPC members		
✓✓✓	2014.32	12/08/14	National Seclusion and Restraint Forum	Provide response regarding funding option for Seclusion Forum by 20 August 2014	NSW		

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✓✓	2014.33	12/08/14		Commence planning for the National Forum for March 2015	SQPSC		Call for Abstracts has been released
✓✓	2014.34	12/08/14	IGCD 2013/14 Annual Report	Progress 2013/14 IGCD Annual Report to AHMAC for OOS endorsement	MHDAPC Secretariat		
✓	2014.35	12/08/14	National Drug Strategy 2016 - 2021	Progress development of the National Drug Strategy 2016 - 2021	IGCD		
ACTIONS FROM 16 MAY 2014 MEETING							
✓✓	2014.12	16/05/14	IHPA	Copy of MHISSC letter sent to IHPA to be disseminated to MHDAPC members	MHDAPC Secretariat		
✓✓	2014.13	16/05/14	Closing the Gap Champion	Liaise with the Western Australian representative regarding the Closing the Gap Champion role	MHDAPC Secretariat		Tim Marney agreed to be MHDAPC Closing the Gap Champion
✓✓	2014.14	16/05/14	Alcohol Consumption in Australia – Trends and Evidence	Progress the Alcohol Consumption in Australia – Trends and Evidence discussion paper to the June 2014 AHMAC meeting	MHDAPC Secretariat		Referred back to IGCD for revisions. To be discussed at MHDAPC meeting – 12 August 2014
✓✓	2014.15	16/05/14	National Mental Health Workforce Strategy and Plan – Implementation Plan	Write to the Chair, HWPC, requesting they provide oversight to the Implementation Plan of the National Mental Health Workforce Strategy and Plan and offer support from the MHDAPC for mental health specific information or advice	MHDAPC Chair		
✓✓	2014.16	16/05/14	Request from the NMHC for use of the National Minimum Data Sets	Seek the advice of AHMAC regarding MHDAPC working with NMHC to develop the data protocol, and, as required, progress to SCoH	MHDAPC Chair		Discussed at AHMAC CEOs only meeting 5 June 2014. Further update to be provided at MHDAPC meeting – 12 August 2014

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✓✓	2014.17	16/05/14	National Mental Health Report	Progress request to change the frequency of the publication of the NMHR to the June 2014 AHMAC meeting	MHDAPC Secretariat		Endorsed by AHMAC
✓✓	2014.18	16/05/14	IGCD 2014/15 workplan	Progress 2014/15 IGCD Workplan to AHMAC for OOS endorsement	MHDAPC Secretariat		Endorsed OOS by AHMAC
✓✓	2014.19	16/05/14	IGCD 2013/13 Annual Report2	Progress 2012-13 IGCD Annual Report to AHMAC for OOS endorsement	MHDAPC Secretariat		Endorsed OOS by AHMAC
✓✓	2014.20	16/05/14	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Drug Strategy	Progress the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Drug Strategy to the June 2014 AHMAC meeting for consideration	MHDAPC Secretariat		Discussed by AHMAC and referred back to IGCD for revisions. To be discussed at MHDAPC meeting – 12 August 2014
✓✓	2014.21	16/05/14	Police Commissioners' meeting	Provide relevant information for Police Commissioners' meeting to the IGCD Deputy Chair	MHDAPC members		
✓✓	2014.22	16/05/14	MHISSC	Seek OOS approval from MHDAPC for IHPA to become a member of MHISSC	MHISSC Chair		To be discussed at MHDAPC meeting 12 August 2014 as part of Item 5.1
✓	2014.23	16/05/14	MHDAPC website	Discuss future arrangements for the MHDAPC website	MHDAPC, MHISSC and SQPSC Secretariats and the Commonwealth		Some discussions have occurred between the MHDAPC and SQPSC Secretariats and the Commonwealth. Further discussions required
✓✓	2014.24	16/05/14	National Seclusion and Restraint Forum	Develop a proposal which would identify, at least, funding options and possible timing for the next Forum for out-of-session consideration by MHDAPC members	SQPSC Chair		To be discussed as Agenda Item 5.3 at MHDAPC meeting 12 August 2014

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✓✓	2014.25	16/05/14	SQPSC Workforce subcommittee	Develop a detailed proposal for funding for project/secretariat support for the Workforce Subcommittee for out-of-session consideration by MHDAPC members	SQPSC Chair and Victorian MHDAPC representative		OOS consideration currently being sought
✓	2014.26	16/05/14	National Mental Health Definitions for Mechanical and Physical Restraint	Progress the Draft National Mental Health Definitions for Physical and Mechanical Restraint to be AHMAC for consideration	MHDAPC and SQPSC		
✓	2014.27	16/05/14	Review of the Fourth National Mental Health Plan	Provide advice regarding the status of the Review of the Fourth National Mental Health Plan	Commonwealth		

*** Note:**

✓✓ = Fully completed

* = Not completed

✓ = Partially completed

? = Further information/direction required