

EMHSCA End of Year report July to December 2021

- 48 EMHSCA 'Alliance' Members.
- Representing 35 organisations and 20 Health & Community service sectors across the EMR of Melbourne.
- VMCH joined EMHSCA in October. Fredericka Gonsalves is the representing member.
- The Boroondara Alliance has established a connection with EMHSCA as a localised group of service providers in their region.
- NEMHSCA have been considering the development of a Shared Care protocol based on EMHSCA's. Bronwyn visited NEMHSCA to discuss this in September.

Service Coordination Alliance



- Four Lived Experience advisors are members of EMHSCA.
- EMHSCA Implementation committee has a consumer and a carer advisor.
- New Lived Experience Leadership roles recruited to for EMHSCA Steering group.
- Coproduction of EMHSCA Shared Care Poster.
- Connection with Eastern Peer Support Network and Dual Diagnosis Consumer & Carer Advisory Council.

Valuing Lived Experience



- The EMHSCA Implementation committee is responsible for the EMHSCA event tasks. A series of 3 webinars were provided in the 2nd half of 2021.
- A new event was delivered on 12th August 2021. 'Professionals Navigating the East with Carers' aimed to improve staff knowledge of carer needs and available supports. This online forum was delivered to 92 staff representing 33 health and community services across Eastern and North Eastern Melbourne.
- The Annual EMHSCA 'MH and Cooccurring Issues Explored Workshop' was delivered as a 2 part online workshop series on the 11th and 18th November. There were 59 attendees from 23 health and community services.
- The large service navigation forum originally planned for 2020, has been postponed to 26.05.2022 at the Box Hill Town Hall.

Workforce Development



- EMHSCA is considering the recommendations of the MH Royal Commission report and continues to work collaboratively with the EMR Dual Diagnosis response to aide integration, extend resources and avoid duplication of effort.
- The AOD catchment plan was presented at EMHSCA's December meeting.
- EMHSCA committee meeting themes centred around the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System recommendations and were as follows:
 - *August* - Partnerships and integration
 - *October* - Mental Health reform update with Pam Anders - Senior Executive Director, Mental Health & Wellbeing Transformation, Department of Health
 - *December* - AOD, Mental Health and Addiction.
- Dual Diagnosis linkage meetings continued monthly throughout 2021, connecting frontline staff from EMHSCA member agencies.

MH & AOD reform



- The Shared care protocol implementation plan has been updated on the EMHSCA webpage.
- Member agencies are currently involved in completing the Shared Care Audit - to be finalised by April 2022.
- The Shared Care Poster is now available to be used in waiting rooms across the regions, and was coproduced by consumers and carers.
- The EMHSCA Colocation guide has been updated, supporting integrated service arrangements
- A Navigation resource has been created by the Eastern Regional Coordinators and is to be launched in March 2022.
- Funding from OE PCP was obtained by the Regional Coordinators to enable development of a Complex support needs suite of personas.

Collaborative care planning



Members' survey 21st October 2021
What are key strengths for EMHSCA in contributing to mental health reform?



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