



## Eastern Mental Health Service Coordination Alliance

The EMHSCA vision is for people who experience mental ill-health and co-occurring concerns, and the people who support them, to access responsive, appropriate and collaborative services to assist with the multiple facets of their individual recovery journey.

The EMHSCA aim is to strengthen Mental Health and AOD service collaboration, coordination and system integration across Inner- and Outer- Eastern Melbourne for improved consumer outcomes. EMHSCA functions as the key local platform for health and community service consultation and collaborative decision making in the region.

### EMHSCA Strategic Priorities



### Communicating with EMHSCA

**Wanting information** Are you a health or community service provider, consumer or carer in the EMR and would you like to learn more about EMHSCA and associated activities?

**Wanting to join** Are you a health or community service provider in the EMR and you would like to become involved in the EMHSCA activities?

**Wanting to consult** Perhaps you are involved in regional planning and you would like access to our coordinated group of local health and community support services?

You may be looking for consumer and carer input regarding a particular initiative or service development.

**Wanting advice** on how to set up a similar alliance or how to effectively connect with consumers and carers?

### Where to start

Take a look at the EMHSCA shared repository on the Eastern Melbourne PHN website.

[emphn.org.au/emhsca](http://emphn.org.au/emhsca)

You may contact the EMHSCA project officer at

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You may also contact the EMHSCA co- chairs, Brad Wynne

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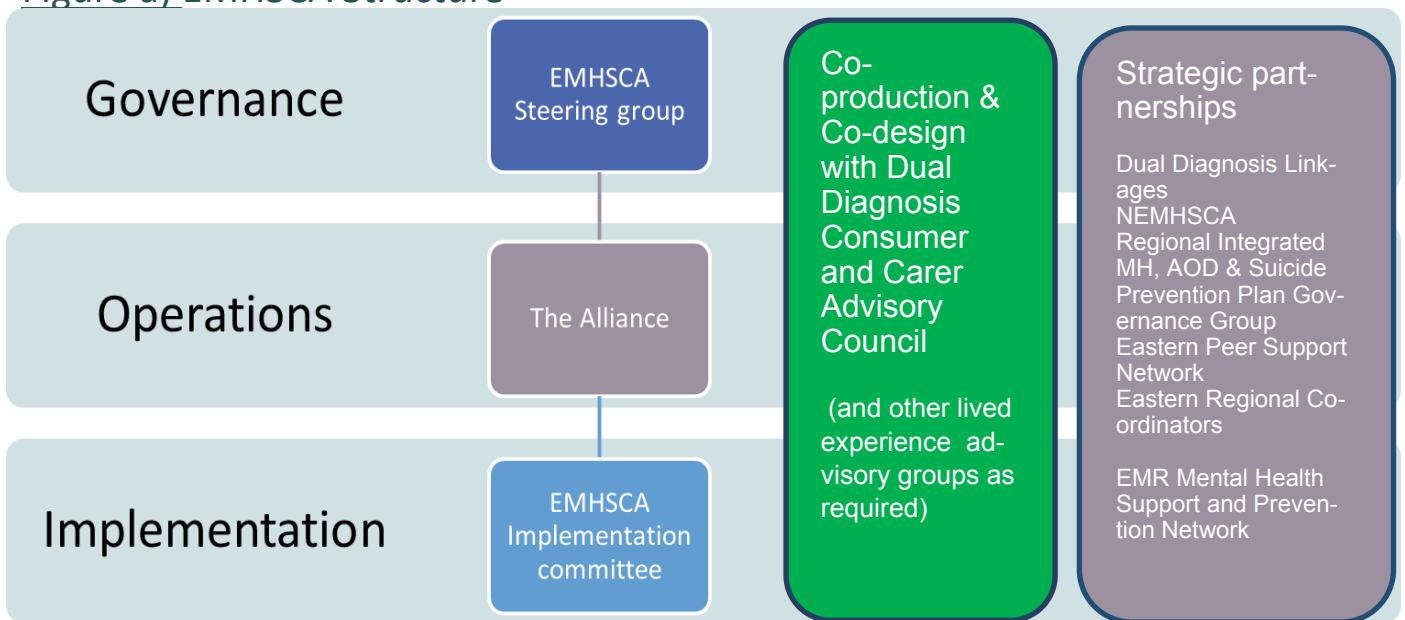
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EMHSCA “The Alliance” consists of senior managers across our regional services who collaboratively strategise and implement significant improvements to service delivery. The Alliance functions to 1. Provide a platform for consultation and information sharing for various projects and initiatives; 2. Provide operational leadership and decision making in relation to the work; 3. Improve collaborative practices across sectors; 4. Provide a key communication mechanism for EMHSCA partners.

The EMHSCA Implementation Committee acts to address the elements of the EMHSCA Work Plan and enhance the capacity of partner services. The Steering group guides the EMHSCA direction.

To ensure sustainability of the various Dual Diagnosis initiatives in the region, a relationship has been maintained between EMHSCA and the Eastern Dual Diagnosis Service,. Thus ensuring that this common co occurring issue is viewed as central to service coordination and integration efforts.

Figure a) EMHSCA Structure



## Ways you may be invited to engage with EMHSCA

- ⇒ Attend EMHSCA meetings and present your information for their consideration and/or collaboration.
- ⇒ Provide an invitation to EMHSCA members to participate in your activities, via the EMHSCA chairs.
- ⇒ Attend EMHSCA workforce development activities, with a focus on Service Coordination.
- ⇒ Join an EMHSCA committee and engage in the various EMHSCA Strategic plan activities.
- ⇒ Become a Linkage member, and join the monthly frontline network meetings.

## EMHSCA partners

Aboriginal services, AOD, DHS Services Australia, Community Health, Carers & Consumers, DHHS, Dual Diagnosis, Disability Employment Services, Family Services, Family Violence services, Homelessness/Housing, Mental Health (all ages and sectors), Primary Care Partnerships, Stepped care, Local councils Eastern Community Legal Centre, Independent Mental Health Advocacy and Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network.

## EMHSCA Key Initiatives

- ⇒ Multi level local service linkages.
- ⇒ Shared MOU across 26 organisations.
- ⇒ Regional Shared Care Protocol.
- ⇒ Annual Shared Care audit of EMHSCA member services.
- ⇒ Service Coordination focused workforce development events, including tailored NDIS forums, the annual regional Orientation and service showcase, and the Collaborative Care Planning Workshops.
- ⇒ Eastern Peer Support Network.
- ⇒ Shared strategy for identifying and addressing Physical Health needs of people with Mental Health concerns.
- ⇒ Facilitated solutions focused topical consultations at bi-monthly Alliance meetings.
- ⇒ Promotion of events, service developments and employment opportunities via EMHSCA's membership email list and at Alliance meetings.