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Welcome to EMHSCA

The members of the Eastern Mental Health Service Coordination Alliance (EMHSCA) welcome you. 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 across the region. In order to achieve the above, Alliance members are required to be of a leadership level that allows for decision making on behalf of their organisation at Alliance meetings. Membership of the EMHSCA implementation committee is also required from each EMHSCA partner organisation. These members may or may not hold a leadership capacity in their organisation, but rather capacity for, and an interest in, planning and promoting service coordination activities in the region. We look forward to a long and productive relationship as we collectively consider, strategise and act regarding service coordination issues in this region.

Acknowledgement of country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we are meeting, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, and pay our respects to their elders past and present and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait people present here today.

Recognition of lived experience

EMHSCA recognises those individuals and their supporters who have a lived experience of mental ill health and the important contribution that they make to the development and delivery of health and community services.

EMHSCA embraces diversity

We welcome and celebrate diversity at EMHSCA, as we reflect the variety of cultures and communities we serve. Our Alliance strives for true collaborative practice and a spirit of inclusivity for all. EMHSCA recognises that poorer health outcomes are associated with experiences of discrimination and marginalisation. We challenge inequities in the development and delivery of health and community services.

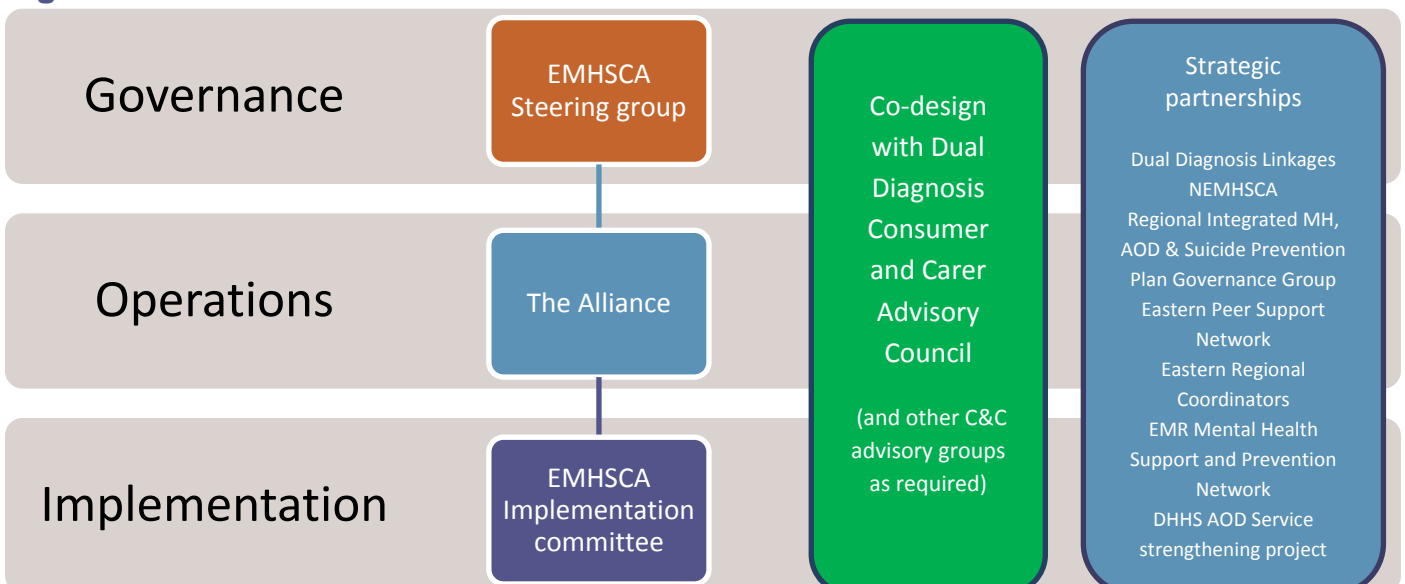
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EMHSCA member responsibilities

- Represent their agency at bi-monthly Alliance meetings (as per calendar provided by EMHSCA Coordinator).
- Provide a suitable member from their organisation to join the EMHSCA Implementation committee where feasible.
- Provide clear leadership and strategic direction in their respective organisations to develop and promote collaborative and integrated care for people who experience mental ill-health and co-occurring concerns, and their carers, families, dependants and significant others.
- Work in a coordinated and collaborative manner to identify common issues and solutions, and build and progress working alliances in the interests of people who experience mental ill-health and co-occurring concerns, and their carers.
- Achieve sustainable outcomes by embedding the agreed protocols and functional arrangements into local work practice, and providing ongoing support for the implementation of practice reforms, cost effective innovation in service system delivery and associated structural changes.
- Monitor the success of the EMHSCA Work plan and its ongoing adaptation in response to changing needs of people who experience mental ill-health and co-occurring concerns, and their carers in the evolving nature of the mental health and health and community service system and the various reforms.
- In general, all relevant information and initiatives arising out of the EMHSCA meetings and EMHSCA correspondence should be disseminated within partner agencies and relevant networks to enhance the progress of the work plan, unless otherwise stated during EMHSCA committee meetings. It is the responsibility of EMHSCA committee members to convey information regarding EMHSCA activities, including workforce development activities, to their organisations.

Communication and reporting structures

Figure a EMHSCA Structure





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EMHSCA Structure details

Structure	Function	Membership	Funding
EMHSCA Steering Group	Governance	Primary Funding Organisations Executive Leadership, EMHSCA Co-Chairs, EMHSCA Project Officer	EMPHN and DHHS Co-Chair Organisations
EMHSCA “The Alliance”	Operations	MOU Membership Organisations Senior Operational Leadership, DDCCAC consumer and carer representatives, EPSN coordinator, EMHSCA Project Officer	Funded Project Officer: DHHS, EMPHN, Eastern Health
EMHSCA Implementation Committee	Implementation of EMHSCA activities	Nominated representatives from MOU Member Organisations, DDCCAC chair, EMHSCA Project Officer	Funded Project Officer: DHHS, EMPHN, Eastern Health; In-kind by MOU Membership Organisations

Our Vision

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.

As EMHSCA we value:

A Strategic approach by encouraging the expansion of organisational thinking and planning into a broader regional context.

A Respectful approach by treating everyone with courtesy and fairness, acknowledging all viewpoints, respecting diversity, and ensuring constructive honesty.

This Alliance sees participation from a diverse network of services, consumers and carers who commit to being actively involved in the sharing of information, practice wisdom, resources, and innovation.

Working collaboratively to support each other to achieve common goals and enhance integrated practice across the region.

Capacity building to assist with continuous improvement of the services provided in this region, enhancing collaboration and coordinated care.

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EMHSCA Strategic Priorities



For further information about EMHSCA membership go to emphn.org.au/emhsca