

NORTH EAST AND EASTERN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE COORDINATION ALLIANCES

Background

North East Mental Health Service Coordination Alliance (NEMHSCA) and Eastern Mental Health Service Coordination Alliance (EMHSCA) are inter-agency mental health and wellbeing partnerships that work together to improve service coordination in the North East and Eastern Metropolitan Regions of Victoria.

<p>Vision</p> <p>The communities we serve receive person-centred, timely and flexible mental health and wellbeing support through effective regional service coordination.</p>	<p>Purpose</p> <p>To enhance service integration and communication so that communities can access responsive and appropriate mental health, AOD and wellbeing support.</p>	<p>Aims</p> <p>Improve, support and promote safe, recovery-focused, person-centred and collaborative practices across mental health sector.</p> <p>Promote structured and coordinated Lived Experience Leadership, and workforce development models.</p> <p>Support members to navigate mental health system reforms.</p> <p>Provide platform for consultation and information sharing.</p>
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Membership

NEMHSCA	EMHSCA
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Review of the Alliances

In April 2023 NEMHSCA and EMHSCA engaged a consultant to:

- Identify strengths, challenges and opportunities.
- Understand current and future mental health landscape.
- Determine future form and function.

- Identify strategic opportunities.

The consultant conducted a range of interviews, surveys, and workshops with the members. The outputs of the review were Environmental Scan Report and Review Recommendations Report. The members agreed that the Alliances were still a valuable platform for agencies to come together.

Governance structure

As a result of the review a new governance structure was established. The Mental Health Service Coordination Alliance (MHSCA) Governance Committee was established to lead strategic direction and to provide operations oversight of EMHSCA and NEMHSCA.




The purpose of the MHSCA Governance Committee is to:

- Ensure that EMHSCA and NEMHSCA Alliance and Working Group activities align with the stated purpose and strategic directions.
- Ensure appropriate governance arrangements are in place with respect to funding and budgetary planning.
- Generate and / or endorse MHSCA’s positions on issues of relevance to the sector.
- Oversee, review, and provide ongoing recommendations for enhancement regarding future MHSCA focus and functioning.

Members on the Governance Committee represent the constituents of EMHSCA and NEMHSCA and are informed by them as well as being responsible for providing direct feedback to them.

Strategic directions 2024

Below are the strategic priority area, objectives, and key initiatives for NEMHSCA and EMHSCA.

Strategic priorities	Strategic objectives	Outcomes We aim to achieve	Initiatives We will achieve this by
Mental health sector reform 	We collaborate on joint advocacy activities. We communicate with and provide advice to the Interim Regional Board.	Stronger collective voice that influences decision makers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing tools and strategies for collaborative advocacy. • Creating a platform for information sharing regarding funding opportunities and future commissioning.
Lived Experience Workforce development 	We work together to support and build capability of the local Lived Experience Workforce.	Improved capability of the local Lived Experience Workforce and those who support them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a local network for the LEW and LE Leadership in the north and east.
Collaboration and coordination 	We collaborate on multiple levels and know about available services in the region.	Improved service coordination in the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating opportunities for information sharing about available services and developing service agreements. • Creating opportunities for Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals to share information about models of care, integration, common referrals and challenges. • Creating opportunities for collaboration at different levels.