

NORTHEAST AND EASTERN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE COORDINATION ALLIANCES

Background

Northeast 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 Northeast and Eastern Metropolitan Regions of Victoria.



Membership

The membership of both Alliances includes senior representatives from agencies that are directly impacted by the mental health reform and provide mental health and wellbeing services in Northeast and Eastern Metropolitan Regions of Victoria (including AOD, homelessness and family violence agencies).

The members focus on specific action areas that require a collaborative approach and support momentum of the implementation of the Royal Commission recommendations.

Below is the list of member agencies for NEMHSCA and EMHSCA. Detailed list of members can be found in the Attachment 1.

NEMHSCA	EMHSCA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austin Health • DPV Health • Drummond St • EMPHN • Healthability • Holstep Health • IMHA • Mind Australia • Neami National • Nexus Dual Diagnosis Consultancy Service • Nexus Primary Health • Northern Health • Odyssey House • Orange Door • Services Australia • SHARC/PSU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access Health and Community • Anglicare • Each • Eastern Dual Diagnosis Consumer & Carer Advisory Council • Eastern Health • Edvos • EMPHN • ERMHA 365 • Healthability • IMHA • Inspiro • Mind Australia • MMIGP • Neami National • Oonah • Salvation Army

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniting AOD • Wellways • NIFVS • Your Community Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Vincent's Hospital • Wellways • YSAS |
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Governance structure

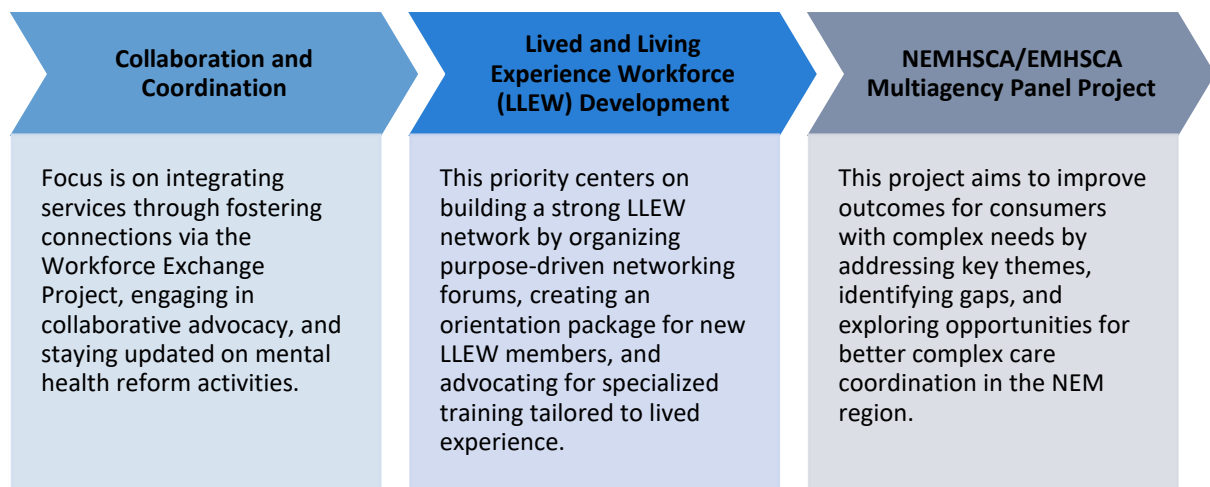
The Mental Health Service Coordination Alliance (MHSCA) Governance Committee leads strategic direction and provides operations oversight of EMHSCA and NEMHSCA.

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.

Membership of the MHSCA Governance Committee include EMPHN (funder), Holstep Health Health (auspice agency for the Mental Health Partnerships Manager position), Co-chairs of NEMHSCA (Liz Hodgkinson, Austin Health and Chris Hynan, Nexus Dual Diagnosis Service at St Vincent's) and Co-chairs of EMHSCA (Rosalyn Sandwell, Healthability and Gavin Foster, Eastern Health).

Key priorities and initiatives for both Alliances in 2025



NEMHSCA/EMHSCA key achievements and activities in 2024 are outlined below.



Interim Regional Body Engagement: Participation in focus groups with the Alliance and submission of case studies for the final report.



LLEW Development: Established a network with 140+ members, hosted three networking forums, and presented key learnings at the VAADA Conference.



North East Region Lived and Living Experience Workforce Survey 2024: Summary report compiled.



Contributions to the Workforce Capability Frameworks: EMHSCA joint submission on AOD Workforce Capability Framework; representation at the Local Implementation Team (Mental Health Workforce Capability Framework) and advocacy for integrated care project.



Linkages with other Service Coordination Initiatives: Engagement with RORI, MACNI Panels, and other regional coordination efforts.



AOD Service Mapping: Completed mapping of AOD services in the northeast catchment.



Northern Homelessness Network: Presented on the mental health service system in the north east catchment.