MENTAL HEALTH & AOD ACTION PLAN



There were 8 recommendations arising from this scoping:

- 1. Provision of education and training opportunities for healthcare workers in mental health and AOD comorbidity
- 2. Improved access to up-to-date evidence-based information on mental health and AOD use: Development of evidence-based resources for practitioners, clients and carers, and communication of evidence-based information via online and social media
- 3. Provision and ongoing support of clinical supervision for healthcare providers in mental health and AOD comorbidity
- 4. Development and maintenance of an online service directory
- 5. Development and pilot testing of innovative services and enhancement of existing services to address areas of unmet need
- 6. Development and pilot testing of an accreditation program for peer workers to legitimise and ensure that peer workers have the skills necessary to undertake these valuable roles
- 7. Provision of specialist training scholarships and subsidised placements in AOD and mental health services
- 8. Development and pilot testing of a model of coordinated care

CESPHN then convened a region wide Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Working Party (WP) (Appendix A) to progress the recommendations in partnership. The **strategies (1-21)** listed in the tables below have been developed to address the recommendations. Some strategies address multiple recommendations.

The strategies aim to improve the capacity of healthcare providers to identify, intervene, and provide appropriate referral and coordinated care for people with cooccurring substance use and mental health conditions.

CESPHN acknowledge and thank working group members for their contribution.

Key documents

- Working with people with co-existing mental health and drug and alcohol support needs: Final report from the project is available here
- A two-page bulletin summarising the report and recommendations is <u>available here</u>.

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Recommendation: Development and pilot testing of innovative services and enhancement of existing services to address areas of unmet need

Recommendation: Development and pilot testing of a model of coordinated care

	Proposed Strategy	Outline the steps/tasks associated with the activity	What resources are needed to achieve this? e.g. funding, guest membership	What stakeholders need to be involved? e.g. consultation with consumer & other advisory groups/ networks	Timeframe
1	Identify elements of effective coordinated care	 Literature review Local consumer consultation Local service provider consultation 	 Literature/databases Individual/ focus group consultations Time to analyse literature and feedback 	 Working Party members Consumer representatives/networks, CESPHN advisory committees and councils Service provider relationships/networks, CESPHN advisory committees/councils 	3 months
2	Identify existing local services that include the elements of effective model of coordinated care	 Scope local services Local consultation with consumers, service providers and peak bodies Connect with services who are delivering coordinated care to introduce this initiative and objectives 	 Service maps Networks/advisory groups Peak bodies Knowledge within Working Party Local services delivering coordinated care 	 Peak bodies Working Party members CESPHN Advisory committees and councils Local services delivering coordinated care 	1 - 3 months
3	Implement a new/enhanced approach to coordinated care	 Determine scope of proposed approach – location, target population, services, roles, time and cost Identify enablers/ motivators to participate Recruit clients and service/s 	 Contract development expertise Funds for pilot project implementation Steering committee Governance committee Funds for evaluation 	 Clients Service/s University partner to evaluate 	12 – 18 months



		 Establish formal agreements Implement project Identify independent evaluator Determine evaluation framework 			
4	Promote and expand provision of effective coordinated care	 Identify enablers to embedding sustainable change beyond project period Launch/disseminate evaluation Promote via presentation at relevant conferences Share outcomes with National and local MH and AOD networks, peak bodies funders Hold a coordinated care showcase event with a range of presentations to share effective approaches/models 	 Evaluation report Marketing Conferences Showcase event Service provider/s 	 Evaluators Peak bodies Conference holders Health care funders 	6 months post project



Recommendation: Provision of education and training opportunities for healthcare workers in mental health and AOD comorbidity.

Recommendation: Improved access to up-to-date evidence-based information on mental health and AOD use: Development of evidence-based resources

#	Proposed Strategy	Outline the steps/tasks associated with the activity	What resources are needed to achieve this?	What stakeholders need to be involved?	Timeframe
5	Embed workforce development training criteria within commissioned service provider contracts	 CESPHN to include requirement in contract to complete specific training to support working with people with co- occurring needs, e.g. complete comorbidity guidelines training Embed within tender process 	 Contract expertise Time to draft and align all new contracts with new clause 	 CESPHN clinical services CESPHN clinical services management team Commissioned providers 	July 2020
6	Investigate opportunities for GP practice improvement and education in relation to co-occurring MH & AOD	 Identify if national <u>Practice Incentive</u> <u>Program Quality Improvement</u>ⁱⁱ (PIP QI) has scope to include working with co- occurring MH and AOD needs Further promote <u>GP Psychiatry Support</u> <u>Line (PSL)</u> and <u>GP Liaison in Alcohol and</u> <u>Drug (GLAD) Project</u> Promote the <u>National GP Education</u> <u>Package for Drug and Alcohol Treatment</u> Training Package 	 Internal teams within CESPHN Digital Health, Practice Support CPD Information and comms on <u>Psychiatry Support Line</u> <u>Practice Incentive Program</u> (PIP) Quality Improvement (QI) Guidelines 	 Internal teams within CESPHN – Digital Health, Practice Support, CPD GP training providers 	3-6 months



7	The development of CESPHN webpage to include information on relevant education, training and resources	 Research and consult with relevant stakeholders to collate information for the webpage Inform relevant stakeholders of webpage and seek agreement for information to allow for ongoing updates. Ongoing development of webpage Promote services / programs / workforce that deliver supports in line with co- occurring needs 		for website ncement and review ess	 CESPHN Communications Team Training providers and other organisations e.g. peak bodies Health Professionals in CESPHN region (Community NGOs, Allied 	6-12 months
	Regular communications	 Promote the work of MH-AOD WP, including membership Approach providers, organisations to partner; consultation to collate information Participation and engagement by providers and workers to create resources to share 		orks/advisory groups bodies	 Health, GPs, LHDs & Pharmacists) Partner organisations Health Professionals and service providers in CESPHN region 	
8	(e.g. newsletters, articles on website) for MH-AOD related information	 Consumer/peers sharing stories advocating for the approach that best supported them CESPHN to ensure strategic & targeted promotions of co-occurring practice, training and resources Share relevant communications with peak bodies to distribute 	 Consistorie Time 	umer and worker	 (Community NGOs, Allied health, GPs, LHDs & Pharmacists) CESPHN Staff Peak Bodies 	12-18 months



9	Determine key training themes and criteria required for endorsed training and the specific areas of practice to target.	 Engage with and promote existing frameworks such as: <u>NADA's Workforce Capability</u> <u>Frameworkⁱⁱⁱ</u> The workforce development package for the <u>NSW Clinical Care Standards – AOD</u> <u>Treatment^{iv}</u> Consult with Local Health Districts and NGOs on any work or projects that support working with co-occurring needs and promote learning, and outcomes Promote existing training opportunities 	 Time for MH & AOD WP to research and collate content Peak bodies to endorse and recommend relevant resources Consumer and worker stories Time to coordinate, publish and review content 	 Partner organisations Peak bodies (NADA/MHCC) NSW Ministry of Health Health Professionals and commissioned service providers in CESPHN region (NGOs, Allied health, LHDs GPs & Pharmacists) Local Health Districts CESPHN Staff 	12-18 months
10	Look into opportunities for networking - similar to Communities of Practice (CoP)	 Gain sector feedback on viability of a dedicated Community of Practice Promote existing communities of practice such as <u>Beyond Blue: The Way Back Support Service</u> <u>RACGP's AOD Connect: Project ECHOv</u> <u>LGBTIQ+ Health Australia</u> Promote <u>The Matilda Centre's</u> Train the Trainer event/s if and when available for local workforce to learn the <u>Comorbidity Guidelines</u>^{vi} 	 Time to draft proposal for a CoP Input from MH AOD WP 	 Health Professionals in CESPHN region (Community NGOs, Allied Health, LHDs, GPs & Pharmacists) Local Health Districts Peak Bodies Training bodies- <u>MHCC</u>, <u>Pharmacy Guild</u>, <u>Pharmaceutical Society of Australia</u>, <u>RACGP/ACRRM</u> 	6-12 months
11	Promote education opportunities to Pharmacies and Pharmacists	 Connect with local pharmacies, PSA and Pharmacy Guild to understand training needs and gaps. Consider education that covers co- occurring needs, brief interventions, referral pathways Develop engagement strategy to target this cohort 	 Funding to develop and deliver training Relationships with Guild and Society Consultation Groups to inform development Coordination 	 Pharmacy Guild of Australia Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Local Pharmacists 	6 Months



Recommendation: Provision and ongoing support of clinical supervision for healthcare providers in mental health and AOD comorbidity

	Proposed Strategy	Outline the steps/tasks associated with the activity	What resources are needed to achieve this?	What stakeholders need to be involved?	Timeframe
12	The development of CESPHN webpage that includes • Local directory of clinical supervision providers (endorsed) • Worker success stories and examples • Links to further resources and training • Feedback loop	 Research and consult with relevant stakeholders to collate information for the webpage Partner with identified providers and notify of project and webpage to allow for ongoing updates. Ongoing development of webpage Directory Create local directory of Local Clinical Supervisors that are experienced in MH & AOD (endorsed by MH & AOD WP) with approximate price guide. Discuss promoting services with relevant stakeholders Link to databases such as <u>Clinical Supervision</u> <u>Australia</u> Feedback & Review Ongoing development of webpage and yearly review Promotion of directory across health sector in CESPHN region (utilising CESPHN Communication Channels, Service Provider and MH & AOD Network Member networks) 	 Time – from MH & AOD WP members to collate, review and endorse content. Online directories CESPHN Staff support to embed webpage and conduct reviews 	 MH AOD WP CESPHN Communications Team CESPHN Management Team Clinical Supervision providers Partner organisations Health workers / providers in CESPHN region (Community NGOs, Allied Health, GPs, LHDs & Pharmacists) 	6-12 months



13	Enhancement of 'Clinical Supervision' within Comorbidity Guidelines	 Discuss with The Matilda Centre Ascertain review process Submit feedback during engagement with stakeholders 	 Time - to collate information, consult with members and stakeholders Funding and resources to undertake review and update. 	 The Matilda Centre MH & AOD WP Local supervisors 	6-12 months
14	Clinical Supervision funding provision added to CESPHN commissioned service providers and Budget line item added to contracts	 Discuss Clinical supervision funding across funded services if it is required CESPHN AOD Staff to consult with Contract Management Team for guidance CESPHN to consult with broader Management Team across Clinical Services Update contracts and documentation with relevant legal and financial information 	 Additional funding Input from contracts team CESPHN Executive Management advice 	 Contract Management Team Clinical Managers CESPHN Commissioned Providers 	Not confirmed
15	Clause for Clinical Supervision included in CESPHN MH & AOD contracts.	 CESPHN to confirm MH & AOD Contracts contain the following clause: Professional supervision will be provided for front line staff and as required by the Provider. The provider must: ensure that staff members participate in regular mentoring, clinical and (if indicated) cultural supervision and fulfil the minimum requirements for continuing professional development; and provide support to staff members so that individual and team wellbeing is nurtured and self-care is prioritised 	 CESPHN Clinical Services Stream & Contracts Team to cross check MSAs currently active or upcoming deed of variations. 	 CESPHN Commissioned Providers CESPHN Clinical Services stream CESPHN Contracts Team 	3 months
16	Workforce learns from one another to improve outcomes for clients with cooccurring MH & AOD needs	 MH Workers and D&A Workers support one another on particular cases in the interest of upskilling both workers D&A and MH Workers to meet on a Local level and within individual LHDs Proposal outlining strategy drafted and put forward to management. 	 Time for D&A / MH Proposal to be drafted, reviewed, adapted and approved. Workers Time to arrange meeting to 	 LHD AOD and MH Staff (Clinical and Management) 	Not confirmed



	 a) LHD MH & Drug and Alcohol Staff attend joint clinical supervision/ meet regularly for reflective practice/ joint case coordination. b) LHD – NGOs to combined Clinical Supervision / case review when required 	 Logistics arranged and staff identified to meet on a regular basis. Create more opportunities for LHD staff and NGO staff to meet and discuss issues arising. Consult with relevant Nurse Consultants within LHDs who support referral pathways between MH & AOD 	discuss coordination of client care/ reflective practice.		
17	Local workforce become Clinical Supervisors or develop upon current skillset	 <u>'Train the Supervisor'</u> style workshops for Clinical Supervisors offered to local workforce to upskill CESPHN to support initiative by improving access and removing financial barrier 	 Funding Promotion CESPHN working with providers to identify staff interested 	 MH & AOD funded workforce within CESPHN region Supervision Workshops / Other identified training organisations 	Not confirmed



Recommendation: Provision of specialist training scholarships and subsidised placements

	Proposed Strategy Outline the steps/tasks associated with the activity		What resources are needed to achieve this?	What stakeholders need to be involved?	Timeframe
18	 The development of CESPHN webpage to include: Information on training scholarship and placement opportunities Key related resources 	 Research and consult with relevant stakeholders to collate information for the webpage Partner with identified providers and notify of project and webpage to allow for ongoing updates. Ongoing development of webpage 	 Time - webpage development. Time – from WP members to collate information. 	 WP CESPHN Communications Team Identified training/ scholarship providers Health workers in CESPHN region (Community NGOs, Allied Health, LHDs, GPs & Pharmacists) 	6-12 months
19	• Based on Victorian Dual Diagnosis project from Hume-Border region: Implement Randomised Coffee Trial (RCT) ^{vii} in CESPHN region 1. Contact RCT lead and enquire about project logistics and questions and draft project plan. 2. Identify interested parties within the CESPHN region: 2. Identify interested parties within the CESPHN region: 3. Promote and present RCT project at relevant networking opportunities. 4. Launch EOI process for participation. 5. Collate EOIs and match workers based on sector and learning goals. 6. Introduce pairs to arrange meeting. 6. Introduce pairs to arrange meeting. 7. Providing small funding for coffee meeting . 8. Workers feedback one learnings from		 Funding for project Time of staff and Organisation Project management time Promotion through networks and relevant local events 	 Identified organisations and staff CESPHN staff 	12 months



		 Learning is collated and shared across communications channels. 			
20	Reciprocal Rotation Project	 Explore viability of this project Identify local projects across MH and AOD that fosters learning through cofacilitation of groups: For example: (<u>SMART recovery</u>, <u>Flourish groups</u>, Suicide support, <u>GAD recovery groups</u>, <u>Family Drug Support</u>) Explore interest and seek feedback from stakeholders Identify method to establish projects and link organisations, i.e. Project proposal 	 Local directory of current or upcoming projects Time to Map potential projects that could by enhanced with MH or AOD support Time to initiate proposals and coordinate 	 Local MH & AOD Services Clients 	12 Months
21	Provide funded training and professional development opportunities	 Identify opportunities to provide sponsorship to complete Certificate IV in Mental Health and Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs, as well as smaller skill sets and components of these qualifications Consult with peak bodies and organisations around issues such as time commitment, training duration, desire of staff for accredited vs non accredited training Training provider to build training components as required Training provider to schedule workshops Advertise and execute EOI process Seeding grants round Places in <u>CCWT</u>'s - <u>Co-occurring Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Disorders "Double Whammy"</u> Training for local MH & AOD Workforce 	 Funding for training places and grants Coordinating function to promote, establish EOI process, select applicants, etc Marketing 	 Coordinator Peak bodies Training providers MH & AOD Local Workforce <u>CCWT</u> 	6-12 Months



Appendix A: Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Working Party Membership

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Appendix B: References

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ACRRM	Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine	LHD	Local Health District
AOD	Alcohol and Other Drugs	MH	Mental Health
CCWT	Centre for Community Welfare Training	MHCC	Mental Health Coordinating Council
CESPHN	Central and Eastern Sydney PHN	NADA	Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies
COP	Community of Practice	NGO	Non-Government Organisation
D&A	Drug and Alcohol	PIP	Practice Incentive Program
EOI	Expression of Interest	PSL	Psychiatry Support Line
GAD	Generalised Anxiety Disorder	QI	Quality Improvement
GLAD	GP liaison in Alcohol and Other Drugs	RACGP	The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
GP	General Practitioner	RCT	Randomised Coffee Trial

Appendix C: Acronyms List

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