

There are various challenges associated with measuring indicators as it is not always possible to establish a direct relationship between the action undertaken and the achievement of an intended benefit. Changes to the mental health, alcohol and other drug system could be due to a range of other factors, some of which are unforeseen, complex and difficult to measure. Given these limitations, program wide and project level evaluations will provide the necessary breadth and depth to properly assess the full effect of the mental health, alcohol and other drug system in Western Australia.

Evaluation of Existing Programs/Projects

A range of comprehensive evaluations will be developed and implemented for existing initiatives across the continuum of prevention, treatment and support to evaluate the extent to which they realise their intended benefits. These should include qualitative and quantitative measures of inputs, outputs and outcomes.

Evaluations may also address efficiency, effectiveness, cost-effectiveness and best practice objectives, particularly where the program or project is of strategic priority. It is proposed that an ongoing schedule of program/project evaluations be identified on an annual basis with one to two conducted per service stream per year.

New Initiatives

All new business cases submitted to the Department of Treasury for the purposes of implementing new elements of the Plan will include a program evaluation proposal. This proposal will adhere to the guidelines outlined in the Program Evaluation: Sunset Clauses Agency Guide released by the Department of Treasury.

Reporting Framework

Both the Mental Health Commission and the Drug and Alcohol Office have an extensive range of reporting requirements, which align with existing state and national processes. Activities relating to this will continue with the Mental Health Commission delivering on the Outcome Based Management Framework and Drug and Alcohol Office continuing to deliver on the Planning Review and Reporting Framework 2012. These reporting frameworks will be jointly updated in 2014-15.

These Frameworks reflect activities relating to the Financial Management Act 2006 (s61), National Mental Health Performance Framework, Fourth National Mental Health Plan, Mental Health 2020: Making it Personal and Everybody's Business, National Drug Strategy 2010-2015, Drug and Alcohol Interagency Strategic Framework for Western Australian 2010-2015 (DAS), Directorate Business Plans and other key monitoring and governance reports.

APPENDIX H

GOVERNANCE

The following governance roles and responsibilities will oversee the whole of sector implementation of *the Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025* (the Plan).

A representative oversight committee will be established and report directly to the Mental Health Commissioner. The committee will:

- provide strategic advice and direction in relation to the implementation of the Plan;
- monitor the annual progress and the implementation of all proposals; and
- review the Plan as required.

A number working groups will also be established, with documented terms of reference and reporting responsibilities. The working groups will focus on the implementation and report to the oversight committee.

The working groups will:

- identify how to translate the demand modelling and resource predictions into the most appropriate service mix at the local level including how best to improve existing services;
- provide advice on strategies to achieve a whole of sector approach to implementing the mental health, alcohol and other drug priorities identified within the Plan;
- provide oversight of specific projects and actions within the Plan;
- facilitate collaboration with state representatives, non-government agencies, the private sector and consumer and carer representatives;
- contribute to the identification and development of jurisdictional data and indicators within the Plan; and
- contribute to jurisdictional input to annual reporting on the Plan.

Existing state-wide networks and other key groups at the local, regional and state level will be identified and mapped throughout the implementation process.

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