



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Health**

Dear Disability Health Network member,

Please see below news update for distribution to your networks.

This is an opportunity for you to share the work of the Disability Health Network and to seek input from your networks to promote engagement activities to improve the health care of people with disability.

Kind regards,  
Disability Health Network

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## **Disability Health Network EAG Communique**

The Disability Health Network, Executive Advisory Group held the first meeting for 2018 on 21st March.

Welcomed guests:

- Christopher Cable, Principal Planning & Research analyst, Department of Communities – Disability Services
- Andrew Thompson – Chair of Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability
- Emily Abernethy – Behavioural Science Intern (Notre Dame)

Farewelled:

- Stephanie Fewster – Carers WA
- Debbie Turner - Office of Chief Medical Officer

Welcomed new members:

- Felicity Mitchell – Carers WA
- Jenny Downs – Telethon Kids Institute (apology)

EAG Membership - pursuing representation from NMHS and EMHS

Activities:

- Engagement
  - WA Disability Health Framework – Engagement Project formally ended Dec 17.
  - Engagement Survey released and work will continue to promote activities to improve the health care of people with disability.
- International Day of People with Disability
  - Event held 3.12.17 and included VC links with 5 sites.
  - [Animation](#) launched at event.
  - 2018 IDPWD - Monday 3rd December - save the date.
- Data Sharing Advisory Group Communique
  - The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) is leading the development of data sharing legislation for WA, and has established an Advisory Group to help deliver on this objective.
  - DHN liaising with DoH rep to ensure issues for people with

disability using multiple systems heard.

- Health and Disability Services Complaints Office (HADSCO) – Pilot Project Apr-Jun 18 to identify complaints about health services made by people with disability as not currently known but thought to be low.
- Health Promotion Resource – Further work to expand the reach of the Healthy Me Toolkit developed by Brightwater/Nulsen with funding from DSC. Liaison with WAPHA and Telethon Kids re development of an app.
- NDIS in Health Community of Practice – Launch of new initiative supported by TRACS Monday 7th May 3-4.30pm at FSH. Important opportunity for information exchange and collection.
- Sustainable Health Review – DHN made a formal submission and was represented at various forums, including those convened by NOUS around Person Centred Care. Feedback on interim report provided via survey and specific paper.
- Hospital Stay Guidelines – Application for funding for pilot project submitted. Further opportunities will be explored as the document is ready to implement.
- Care Coordination – Further work continues to highlight the importance of a Framework, including SHR submission.
- NDIS in WA – Update provided by Department of Communities, Disability Services.
- Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability – Chair attended meeting. Important we stay in touch. Chair and Co Leads will meet to discuss how best to achieve.

The next meeting of the DHN EAG will be at the Perth Children's Hospital on Wednesday 25th July 2018.

## **Disability Health Network Research Grant**

Jenny and Fiona, Co-Leads of the DHN, are pleased to advise that together with Rachel Skoss they have been successful in securing a research grant for Telethon Kids Institute for a two year pilot project for mapping the current levels of health information exchange and health service use for people with disability living in supported accommodation.

## **Disability Health Network Framework 2015-2025 and Disability Toolkit for Change Survey**

The Disability Health Network invites you to share your experiences of using the [WA Disability Health Framework 2015-2025](#) (the Framework) and the [Disability Toolkit for Change](#) (the Toolkit). (Now closed).

Let the Network know how you have used the Framework and Toolkit and how they have impacted your work, as well as any further opportunities the Network has to raise awareness of these resources.

The [survey](#) is expected to take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

The closing date for the survey is **5pm on Wednesday, 4 July 2018**.

All information collected will remain private and confidential.

Please distribute the survey through your network contacts.

If you have any questions about the survey, or would like further information, please contact the Health Networks Branch on:

Telephone: (08) 9222 0200

Email: [healthpolicy@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:healthpolicy@health.wa.gov.au)

## **NDIS – Health Community of Practice (CoP) – save the date**

The NDIS-Health Community of Practice has announced the next meeting date to be Monday 13 August, 3:00 – 4:30pm.

The link to the resources from the first NDIS-Health Community of Practice is on the [Training Centre in Subacute Care \(TRACS WA\) website](#).

## **Council for Intellectual Disability NSW**

The Council for Intellectual Disability (CID) received funding from the NSW government to expand specialist intellectual disability health services in NSW.

The DHN co-leads are keeping a watching brief to learn from the NSW experience. Go to the [Council for Intellectual Disability website](#) to learn more.

Kind regards,

**Disability Health Network**

