



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

Dear Disability Health Network member,

Please see below the Disability Health Network (DHN) Executive Advisory Group (EAG) July 2019 news update for distribution to your networks.

This is an opportunity for you to share the work of the DHN 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 DHN EAG met for the second time this year on Wednesday 24 July 2019 at the Department of Health, Royal Street, East Perth.

The principal goal of the DHN EAG is to support the Network to guide improvement in health outcomes for people with disability across Western Australia.

### **Farewell to our Co-Lead Jenny Campbell**

The DHN EAG farewelled Jenny Campbell as the Clinical Co-Lead of the DHN. As a Clinical Lead Jenny worked tirelessly to improve the patient journey for people with disability. We look forward to Jenny continuing to bring her passion and dedication on our EAG as Chief Allied Health Officer. We are delighted that she will have an ongoing opportunity to share her knowledge, insights and determination to ensure an inclusive health system that empowers people with disability to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health and wellbeing throughout their life.

The Expression of Interest for the DHN Co-Lead position closed on 5 August and we look forward to introducing the new Co-Lead.

### **Guest**

- Geoff Holden from National Disability Services (NDS) attended and shared information about the role and work of NDS.

Other invited guests who were unable to attend will be invited to the October EAG:

- Jackie Softly, Down Syndrome Australia – Guest presentation
- Kerry Allan-Zinner, Chair of Ministerial Advisory Council for Disability

### **DHN Focus for 2019 - update**

- Information Access and Exchange – Working Group 1

- Fiona, Jacque and Rachel (DHN EAG members) participated in the first meeting of the Disability Working Group for Health Pathways
- Updates were provided on the various grants related to NDIS
- Update on research projects at next meeting
- **Training and Professional Development** – Working Group 2
  - NDIS-Health Community of Practice event held in May
  - Take 5 education video resources in production stage
  - Core Capabilities resource needs further consideration re: uptake
- **Care Coordination** – Working Group 3
  - Reviewed Sustainable Health Review Strategies and Recommendations to identify those of relevance to DHN

### **NDIS in WA update – Tim Fettis**

- Transfer of the last few remaining participants in WA to the NDIS is being finalised.
- The Great Southern started delivering services on the 1 July 2019.
- State manager Nicole O’Keefe resigned and joins the Department of Health on the 11 September. A new State manager will be appointed.
- DSS Communique and outcomes
  - <https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-programs-services-government-international-disability-reform-council/communique-28-june-2019>
- DSS and NDIA Scheme policy are working to implement the reforms
  - [Department of Social Services NDIS Transition Factsheets](#)
  - [How NDIS and health services will work together – Factsheet](#)

### **WA health NDIS interface update – Jenny Campbell**

- The Health Reference Group is continuing to meet and has a new approved governance structure. NDIA are facilitating a workshop for Health staff to define what, how and when issues can be addressed.

### **Department of Communities (DoC) NDIS transition update – Jennifer Lewis**

- DoC are working with NDIA identifying people that are known to disability services and yet to transition.
- DoC sit on the Participant Pathway and Service Enhancements sub group which has representatives from Health, Mental Health and a few mainstream agencies.
- **State NDIS governance – Jenny Campbell**
  - NDIS Interface Steering Committee (NISC) is represented at a senior executive level and reports through the cabinet subcommittee quarterly.
  - NISC is also working with the mainstream agencies collecting In-kind data with DSS and the NDIA.
  - Whole of Government submission to DSS and NDIA Thin Markets project. Closing date for submissions is the 31 January 2020. NISC provided input to a whole of government paper submitted by DoC.

- The NISC is also contributing to NDIS policy development by coordinating a State Government response to the NDIA WA Market Review being led by Deloitte.

### **State Disability Plan – Jennifer Lewis**

- Phase one has been completed.
- Phase two is in progress – includes a co-design process facilitated by People with Disability WA in partnership with DoC. The draft plan will be completed by the end of September 2019 with public consultation available in October.
- Phase three is co-occurring with phase two
- The first action plan is expected to be implemented in 2020.

### **International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) – Save the Date**

- The 2019 IDPwD will again be hosted by South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS) and DHN at Fiona Stanley Hospital on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Health and Wellbeing Survey**

- Following consultation with the Health Survey Unit of the Epidemiology Branch DoH, the survey questions will be updated to align with the language in the WA Disability Health Framework 2015-2025.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the DHN EAG will be held on 16 October 2019.

**Please feel free to distribute this communique to your colleagues and networks.**

**For further information on the Disability Health Network please go to [https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\\_E/Disability-Health-Network](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Disability-Health-Network)**

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