



## Queensland Mental Health and Drug Advisory Council Meeting Brisbane – 12 December 2023

### COMMUNIQUE

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The Queensland Mental Health and Drug Advisory Council (the Council) met in Brisbane on 12 December 2023.

The Council noted that communiques for the 2023 meetings will be available on the Commission website.

#### Meeting highlights

##### *Report from the Commissioner*

The Council was provided with an update on the implementation of *Shifting minds, Every life* and *Achieving balance*. This included updates on the monitoring and evaluation frameworks for each plan. Updates were also provided on the:

- Suicide Prevention Strategic Oversight Group and Lived Experience Advisory Group
- Shifting Minds Strategic Leadership Group
- Achieving Balance Strategic Implementation Group

The Commissioner provided an overview of the December interim Queensland Suicide Register report, and the monthly publishing of data.

The Council provided feedback on the 2023 Leading Reform Summit and encouraged all members to attend future Summits. Other feedback included exploring ways to connect lived experience representatives with other attendees.

##### *Human Rights*

Amelia Callaghan, Executive Director at the Commission, provided an update on work undertaken regarding human rights, including:

- Seclusion and restraint review report
- Parliamentary inquiry into supported accommodation
- Parliamentary inquiry into youth justice reform in Queensland
- Review of the Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

Council members discussed concerns around the ongoing use of seclusion and restraint in mental health services. The Council requested the Commission seek data from the Chief Psychiatrist detailing the use of seclusion and restraint. The Commission will provide the Council with a paper on the data for further consideration.

##### *Lived and Living Experience*

Michelle Sanders, Director of Lived Experience at the Commission, provided an update on the lived and living experience program of work including:

- Support available to members of the Advisory Council and Commission staff.

- Lived Experience Governance Framework
- Shifting Minds monitoring and evaluation framework lived/living experience consultations
- Lived Experience workforce
- National Peer Work Scholarships

The Commission invited Council members to provide input into the development of the Lived Experience Governance Framework. The Council discussed the work being undertaken by the Commission with the South Australian Lived Experience Leadership and Advocacy Network (LELAN) to develop a framework proposal.

The Council noted that the Commission will develop a corporate standard regarding the supports available to Commission staff and Advisory Council members to support their mental health and wellbeing.

The Council discussed the use of appropriate language at Commission events. The Commission will update its language guide for use by the Commission and to guide speakers at Commission events.

### *First Nations*

Written updates were provided to the Council on:

- Release of Voice post referendum statement
- Support for the Cherbourg community
- Local Thriving Communities final report - 2019 partnership
- 2023 Local Thriving Communities investment

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting is proposed for 8 February 2024 at Common Ground, with a focus on seclusion and restraint, supported accommodation and housing.