

# CoMHW Annual General Meeting Minutes

For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

CoMHW Training Room – 14/275 Belmont Avenue, Cloverdale

## WELCOME

CoMHW Chairperson Kayla Schembri welcomed all Board members, CoMHW members and guests present, special guests, explanation of housekeeping and provided a quick run down of the agenda for the night.

Kayla welcomed Brian Wooller who gave an Acknowledgement of Country and Robin Litvins-Salter for the Recognition of Lived Experience.

Kayla then welcomed our guest speaker, Maureen Lewis, WA Mental Health Commissioner, WA Mental Health Commission.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Maureen Lewis presented to those in attendance for 30 minutes, including questions from the floor.

Based on her presentation, the following questions were asked.

- Vince asked how they will ensure all voices of Lived Experience are heard, in particular when it comes to regional and remote areas.
- Gabe asked how AoD services are going to be made safer under the MHC as currently there are no or very few regulations to protect consumers.
- Gabe added that reporting and investigation should have a robust process.
- The MH Commissioner mentioned that she would like to continue this conversation with Gabe and Mike who both had excellent insights and ideas to share.
- Steve asked if they will map out all the health services available, in particular in remote WA.
- Laura asked about the defunding of free mental health support groups which currently don't have any replacements.
- Mad asked if the MH Commission will be looking at playing an active role in the decommissioning of services. They recommend a co-design model where consumers would be involved in the decommissioning process. The MH Commissioner was interested in this idea.
- Clare asked how the directory of services is kept current. She also explained that the funding process is challenging and should be made more accessible and flexible, in particular for small amounts or smaller projects. The idea would be to create an intergeneration funding system for community services.
- Mike mentioned that short term funding model are ineffective and would like to see the funding model rethink. Mike also mentioned about security of funding to allow for service sustainability instead of decommissioning.
- The MH Commissioner acknowledge that a more sustainable and flexible funding model is required.

## ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Kayla Schembri opened the 2023 Annual General Meeting at 6.56pm.

### Attendees:

#### Board Members:

Kayla Schembri, John Dasey, Brian Wooller, Morgan Margry, Mike Anderson, Hayley Harris, Sheleila D'Paiva and Steve Pretzel.

**CoMHWHA Staff:**

Darren Munday, Vince Alessandro, Clare Henderson, Melissa Russell, Mad Magladry, Rebecca Banks, Elena Mauen, Robin Litvins-Salter, Chloe Harris, Adam Ellison, Jules Robinson, Gabriel Osborne, Lucy Haffenden, Trish Tran, Sasha Baker, Charles Foster.

**Individual Members / Nominated Consumer Group Representatives:**

Sean Harrold, Peter Wright, Shelley Scott, Rahul Seth, Daniel Fillery, Jen Harland, Tam Hazell, Virginia Catteral, Ahmed Ismailjee, Lorraine Powell, Clare Mullen, Lyn Mahboub, Laura McWhae, Paul Turner, Suzana Kowalska, Liette Lester.

**Associate Individual / Organisation Representatives (no eligibility to vote):**

Nil.

**Guests:****Apologies:**

Debbie Childs, Joe Calleja, Mary Nolan, Iren Hunyadi, Steve Banks, Krys Curtis, Carli Sheers, Anna Richards.

**Proxies received:**

- 3 for Rebecca Banks
- 1 for Steve Pretzel
- 1 for Elena Mauen

**INFORMATION ON VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

Kayla confirmed that only one individual from each consumer group is eligible to vote. Associates and guests are not eligible to vote.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF COMHWA AGM HELD TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**Motion:** The 2022 AGM minutes are accepted with one minor amendment:

Original: Tracey explained to those in attendance that Brian, Mike and Trish are standing for the first time after coming on as casual Board Directors over the last twelve months.

Amendment: Tracey explained to those in attendance that Mike and Trish are standing for the first time, and Brian is returning to the Board, after coming on as casual Directors within the last twelve months.

**Moved:** Lorraine Powell

**Seconded:** Mike Anderson

Motion passed. All in favour, no objections or abstentions.

**PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT****Kayla Schembri, Chairperson**

Kayla reflected on her written report, included in the Annual Report.

**Darren Munday, CEO**

Presented his CEO report and reflected on his time at CoMHWWA and the current stigmas around mental health.

- Chloe Harris asked about funding for Life Launchpad and Darren mentioned that it was difficult to find funding when funding contract ends. He explained that the partnership with WA Recovery College was a great opportunity for LLP and the leaders and that a MoU is being drafted.



- Robin Litvins-Salter asked if this was being co-designed and if the LLP team and leaders were being consulted. Darren explained that once the MoU was finalised, interested parties would be consulted to ensure smooth transition.
- Vincent Alessandro asked how the strategic aims of CoMHWWA would be met if we lacked funding to support these. Darren explained that there are different ways to deliver services and that alternative funding can sometimes be sourced.
- Darren noted that a partnership is ideal to ensure continuity of services as relying on funding makes sustainability of services difficult. Partnership with other organisations with MoU in place resolve the problem of funding limitation.
- Shelley Scott who is a LLP leader asked if leaders would still continue until the end of the service and get paid. Darren answered that they will and under the new model and partnership with WA Recovery College, they will be paid too.

#### **Treasurer Report presented by Darren Munday**

Darren presented the financial reports for 2022-2023, as found in the Annual Report and welcomed questions from the floor.

**Motion:** To receive and accept the audited financial reports and 2022-23 Annual Report.

**Moved:** Brian Wooller

**Seconded:** Rahul Seth

Motion passed. All in favour, no objections or abstentions.

#### **ELECTION OF THE BOARD**

Kayla explained to those in attendance that John is standing for re-election after 3 years of services.

Kayla motioned that John be re-elected to the Board and called for a show of hands.

**Moved:** Lyn Mahboub

**Seconded:** Mike Anderson

Majority show of hands from the floor.

Kayla introduced the Board Directors standing for election one-by-one and called for mover, seconder and a show of hands after each name:

Morgan Margry

**Moved:** Lyn Mahboub

**Seconded:** Brian Wooller

Hayley Harris

**Moved:** Steve Pretzel

**Seconded:** Lyn Mahboub

Sheleila D'Paiva

**Moved:** Morgan Margry

**Seconded:** Mike Anderson

Debbie Childs

**Moved:** Lorraine Powell

**Seconded:** Brian Wooller

Steve Pretzel

**Moved:** Brian Wooller



**Seconded:** Lorraine Powell

Majority show of hands from the floor for each Director.

Kayla officially welcomed the new Directors, and John to the CoMHWA Board and thanked Chris for his services and contribution to the Board.

#### **SETTING OF SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS**

**Motion:** That there be no changes to fees for the 2023-24 period.

**Moved:** Paul Turner

**Seconded:** Steve Pretzel

Motion passed. All in favour, no objections or abstentions.

#### **NOTICE OF SGM**

Kayla briefly spoke to the work undertaken on the Constitution review, noting there is still more to be done.

CoMHWA will hold an SGM on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to approve the reviewed Constitution.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS / DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS**

Nil.

#### **CoMHWA NEW BRANDING**

Darren Munday unveiled the new Consumers of Mental Health WA branding, explaining the consultation process, brand promise, tagline and logo considerations.

#### **MEETING CLOSURE**

Kayla Schembri, Chairperson, declared the 2023 Annual General Meeting closed at 7.36pm