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EASTERN WHEATBELT DISTRICT HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (DHAC) TEAMS MEETING

Date: Wednesday 16 February 2022
Time: 10:00am – 12.30pm
Merredin Health Service
Teams Meeting

<p>Attendees: Sandra Waters – A/Chair (Kununoppin & Districts Representative) Suzanne Taylor (A/Eastern Ops Manager Wheatbelt) Dianne Kelly (Cunderdin Representative) Diane Dixon (A/HSM Merredin Health Service) Zoe (Ashby-Deering (Primary Health Manager) Lyn White (Kellerberrin Representative) Romolo Patroni (Merredin Representative) (Southern Cross Representative)</p>	<p>Secretariat: Janae de Lacy PA Eastern Wheatbelt</p>
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<p>Apologies: Philip Negri (Bruce Rock Representative), Janine Gliddon (Regional Aboriginal Health Consultant) Jannah Stratford (Wyalkatchem Representative) (Narembeen Representative), (Quairading Representative)</p>

<p>Visitors: Chris Johnston (A/CNM Cunderdin)</p>
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Cultural Acknowledgement
I respectfully acknowledge and pay my respects to the Aboriginal custodians of the many traditional lands and language groups of Western Australia. We also respectfully acknowledge the wisdom of the past, present and emerging Traditional Owners of this land on which we are meeting today, the Noongar people. It is a privilege to be standing on Noongar Country.




Presentations	Presenter	Time

#	Agenda Item Title	Speaker	Papers	Action	Time
1.0	Welcome and Apologies				09:30
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Apologies • Acknowledgment of Country 				
2.0	Review of Minutes & Action Register				
2.1	<p>Previous Minutes dated December 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of previous meeting February 2022 endorsed out of session by: C.Cox and Seconded by: R.Patroni 				
3.0	Actions Arising				
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum 2022 suggested to be postponed, to be reviewed April 2022 • Meetings to continue on Teams until further instructed in hope to limit gathering and control community transmission. 				
4.0	New Business				
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 				
5.0	Standard Items for Discussion				



5.1	Operations & Regional Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report received after meeting 18/02/22• COVID update delivered with discussions preparations and response• All visitors need to be double vaccinated, explanation of exemptions given.• All staff and visitors must wear masks• Added community awareness and precautions• Statistics stated for vaccinations – 99.5% staff compliance• Rapid Antigen Tests to be taken if required after screening in ED• Hospital to hospital transfers – St John to RAT any transferred or admitted patients• All Health Service Managers are actively recruiting• Merredin theatre to be running within next few weeks dependant on restrictions.• Evacuation from Narembeen Hospital discussed, and staff congratulated on service.
5.2	Medical & Nursing Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• C. Cox is maintaining contact with St John, ambulance to notify upon arrival to ED airlock• Community's respectful cooperation with reception procedures complimented• Screening and RATS result in delay due to increased time required prior entering ED• CSHP to be selected end of February• RN, EN and AIN to be recruited• Introduction of dressing clinic, open 2 days per week. Offering tailored services and benefits healing times.• Aim to keep COVID19 infected patients separate from the hospital• Chris Cox to implement a COVID volunteer group
5.3	Primary Health Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Z. Ashby-Deering to email report• 9 new staff to start• Attempt to deliver services over telehealth, except high priority inpatients.• Aim to decrease face to face appointments limiting to 15minutes if possible.• School based vaccination to be linked with pop-up vaccination clinics• 95.2% of Wheatbelt have received 1st COVID vaccination• Booster clarification delivered by Suzanne frequency of vaccination depends on ongoing research.
5.4	Bruce Rock Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No report provided
5.5	Cunderdin Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cunderdin report tabled and discussed.• To be in contact with Belinda Robinson regarding senior activities for Merredin and Cunderdin• C.Johnston gave a verbal report regarding the COVID positive case in Cunderdin. He commented that they were well supported by Northam and received supplies from Merredin. Advised to be aware of escalation as community spreads news.
5.6	Kellerberrin Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk-in clinics to visit Kellerberrin• Both 'Men's Night' and 'Women's Day' cancelled, to be postponed
5.7	Kununoppin & Districts Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic overview of COVID procedures• To advise us of notes from meeting to take place end February
5.8	Merredin Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact with Rick Wilson – issues were raised relating to country hospitals and request of CT scan in Radiology
5.9	Narembeen Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No report provided
5.10	Quairading Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No report provided
5.11	Southern Cross Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHAC representative to be given from Southern Cross• Interstate travel has resulted in increased swabbing• 300 swabs last week due to no RAT taken at WA border• 20-25 swabs per day



5.12	Wyalkatchem Report ACTION: Cheryl/Janae to contact as Jannah Stratford in relation to her continuing as a DHAC member
6.0	Standing Items for Noting /Information
6.1	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to Anita read out loud
6.2	Site Compliments & Complaints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive comment on precautions taking place in reception Request for increase in country health service Feedback being received online Fire impact to Eastern district towns and evacuation of Narembeen Hospital with 10 residents brought to Merredin. Leading to suggestion of visits between Eastern hospitals
6.3	Wheatbelt Mental Health Consumer Advisory Council
7.0	Other/New Business or Late Items
7.1	DHAC Member Invite to Eastern Management Team (EMT) Meetings: February 23 March 23 April 27 May 25 June 22 July 27 August 24 September 28 October 26 November 23 December 21 (possible date change for Dec) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Rural Conference S Waters and L White have applied to attend however, are yet to hear back. Request to have agenda sent in Microsoft Word format rather than PDF as embedded documents cannot be opened ACTION: Cheryl/Janae to compile a list of contact numbers and emails for all DHAC members and to be sent to everyone ACTION: any DHAC members who wish to attend EMT to email Janae
7.2	Updated schedule of COVID19 clinics   Updated Schedule of COVID-19 Vaccin:GOOD news staff jo EWPHS Update-  EWPHS Update DHAC .msg
8.0	Next Meeting
8.1	April 2022 Merredin Health Service Meeting Rooms