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| http://intranet.health.wa.gov.au/Communications/template/logos/department_of_health_long_colour.png  Dear Disability Health Network member,  Please see below the Disability Health Network (DHN) Executive Advisory Group (EAG) 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 |
| Disability Health Network EAG Communique |
| The DHN EAG met for the second time this year on Wednesday 25th July 2018 at the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH).  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.  Two new members were welcomed to the EAG:   * Jacquie Garton-Smith – Clinical Lead, Primary Care Integration * Terri-Lee Barrett – Chief of Nursing and Midwifery   Priority Areas:   1. Understanding and recognition  * Fiona Payne presenting to the Disability Advisory Committee at PCH on the Disability Health Framework * PCH – NDIS response   + Resources are in development to assist staff, workforce preparation, families and for specific cohorts of children with NDIS processes and transition to the NDIA model.   + NDIA tender for Early Intervention Partners has gone out. Referrals for 0-6 year olds into NDIS will go through early intervention partners in 2019.   + Rae Robinson is the part time NDIS Coordinator at PCH. * WA Disability Health Framework 2015-2016 and Disability Toolkit for Change evaluation survey completed.   + Over 4000 invitations to participate were sent. The survey had 23 responses and increased awareness of both the framework and the toolkit. This information will be included in the 2019 DHN Achievements Infographic and will inform engagement activities for 2019. * RPH Engagement Plan is to be finalised with key stakeholders in the next few months, given opportunities arising from patient stories. * IPDwD to be held on 3 December. SMHS invited to host the event and if agree, will progress to plan the event in partnership. * WAPHA working with DHN to raise profile of primary health care for people with disability leveraging Health Pathways, resources from NDIA for GPs and new Clinical Lead of Primary Care Integration. * My Health Matters resource from NSW CID are being reviewed by DHN to see if it aligns with work done by Nulsen, Brightwater and the Hospital Stay Guidelines.  1. Health and wellbeing  * Jacquie Garton-Smith is working with the DHN to support Primary Care Integration as per previous dot point.  1. Workforce capability  * Working with Curtin University to identify potential student projects in 2020. * Core Capabilities resource needs to be rolled out via a formal Engagement Plan.  1. Inclusive health care  * Partners in Change for Obesity Project – A presentation was provided on this project to deliver transformational change to tackle overweight and obesity in WA. DHN has contributed information including research to highlight the significance of this issue for people with disability. * Review of Carers Recognition Act - A presentation on the opportunity this review affords, including suggestions to be made by Carers WA. Submissions welcome via: <https://www.communities.wa.gov.au/about/projects-and-programs/review-of-the-carers-recognition-act> (now closed). * Hospital Stay Guidelines – Mapping exercise has been funded by Health Networks to explore health service utilisation by people living in supported accommodation. Five Disability Service Organisations have agreed to participate. Project will be led by Dr Rachel Skoss. Additional research applications on related matters being submitted for consideration to various funding bodies. * NDIS Update   + - NDIS in WA Health Community of Practice up and running and supported by TRACS. Next event 13th August 2018 – Panel discussion of key issues around NDIS/Health interface as tabled by participants. Recording available at: [http://www.subacutecare.org.au/j/index.php/community-of-practice?id=308](http://www.subacutecare.org.au/j/index.php/community-of-practice?id=308%20)     - DG level committee (NDIS Mainstream Interface Steering Committee) being established to facilitate interface issues.     - Tailored participant and provider pathways being trialled in WA to improve access to NDIS     - Department of Communities working with Department of Health on transitioning Community Aids and Equipment Program (CAEP) and with particular attention to people under 65 not eligible for NDIS.     **Actions Arising:**  Fiona Payne and Jenny Campbell will   * Draft an engagement plan for the core capabilities resource and provide to the EAG. * Coordinate an open meeting around potential research projects   Email your interest to be placed on a mailing list for updates on Research Translation Grants to [Health Policy email](mailto:health.policy@health.wa.gov.au?subject=mailing%20list%20for%20updates%20on%20Research%20Translation%20Grants)  The next meeting of the DHN EAG will be on 24 October 2018.  **Please feel free to distribute this communique onto 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>  Kind regards,  **Disability Health Network** |
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