

Integrating Care Clinical Council Activities 2020

A summary of key topics, discussions and contributions of the Integrating Care Clinical Council over 2020 is outlined.

The year provided many challenges for the community requiring input and advice, most specifically relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were three meetings for ICCC originally scheduled for 2020, but predominantly due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, a total of two meetings being held via Zoom. The meeting originally scheduled for March 2020 was cancelled due to the impact of COVID on member's availability.

New members over the year included Jillian Harrington as Chair of the Allied Health Clinical Council and Rasha Kisswani, Director Planning at NBMLHD. The Council acknowledged the contribution of Associate Professor Brad Forssman (Director Public Health, NBMLHD) who resigned from his role during the year. Wentworth healthcare Board member Belinda Hill also attends and contributes to the Council regularly.

Joint PHN and LHD Integrating Care Governance and Implementation

The ICCC received a presentation by Dr Michael Crampton (GP Clinical Lead, Wentworth Healthcare) presented and facilitated discussion on the joint WHL and LHD governance model for integrated care with six aligned priorities;

- Transfer of Care
- Conjoint Care
- Mental Health
- Priority Populations
- Health of the Community
- Collaborative Commissioning

Feedback was specifically provided on the first collaborative commissioning activity which is to support patients with Obesity and Diabetes.

The Integrated Care Clinical Council endorsed that COVID Emergency Response recommended 7th Priority integrated care priority.

Dr Kath Williams presented on Collaborative Commissioning – Overweight, Obesity, Diabetes, and further feedback was provided as this new program is developed.

Covid-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 Pandemic was a significant issue for Committee members.

The following key issues considered and identified by ICCC over that time, in addition to general updates of Wentworth Healthcare activities and sharing of new information from the Ministry of Health, the Department of Health, and the NBMLHD.

- patient results from screening services being available to GPs;
- interfaces between primary care and other services in managing patients in the community and;
- being able to access timely, reliable and factual sources of truth for dissemination to Primary Care.

Other Matters

Other matters raised and/or discussed at the ICCC included;

- GP, GP Registrar and Allied Health workforce – members shared their view that a significant gap the primary care workforce is emerging and will impact capacity to deliver services in the near future
- VMO attendance at Lithgow Hospital
- Requirement for a GP Respiratory Clinic in Lithgow community
- e-Prescribing will be of benefit if implemented broadly
- Feedback on Telehealth

Summary

The outcome of all discussions were incorporated by Wentworth Healthcare Executive and Senior Managers into the various forums they are participating in, and where there were recommendations to the Board, these have been considered by the Board and response shared.