**Welcome to EMHSCA**

The members of the Eastern Mental Health Service Coordination Alliance welcomes you, and we look forward to a long and productive relationship as we collectively consider, strategise and act regarding service coordination issues in this region.

In order to achieve these aims, Alliance members are required to be of a leadership level that allows for decision making on behalf of their organisation at Alliance meetings.

Membership of the EMHSCA implementation committee is also required from each EMHSCA partner organisation. These members may or may not hold a leadership capacity in their organisation, but rather capacity for, and an interest in, planning and promoting service coordination activities in the region.

**Responsibilities of EMHSCA members**

* Attend bi-monthly Alliance meetings (as per calendar provided by Project officer).
* Provide suitable members from their organisation for the Implementation committee.
* Provide clear leadership and strategic direction in their respective organisations to develop and promote collaborative and integrated care for people who experience mental ill-health and co-occurring concerns, and their carers, families, dependants and significant others.
* Work in a coordinated and collaborative manner to identify common issues and solutions, and build and progress working alliances in the interests of people who experience mental ill-health and co-occurring concerns, and their carers.
* Achieve sustainable outcomes by embedding the agreed protocols and functional arrangements into local work practice and providing ongoing support for the implementation of practice reforms, cost effective innovation in service system delivery and the structural changes necessary for the development and sustainability of an integrated multi sector mental health service coordination model for people who experience mental ill health and co-occurring concerns, and their carers.
* Monitor the success of the EMHSCA Work plan and its ongoing adaptation in response to changing needs of people with mental ill-health and co-occurring concerns, and their carers in the evolving nature of the mental health and health and community service system and the various reforms.
* In general all discussions within the EMHSCA committee meetings should be disseminated within partner agencies and other aligned services to enhance the progress of the project unless otherwise stated during EMHSCA committee meetings. It is the responsibility of EMHSCA committee members to convey information regarding EMHSCA activities, including workforce development activities, to their organisations.

**Communication and reporting structures**

## Figure a EMHSCA Structure

# EMHSCA Structure details

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| Structure | Function | Membership | Funding | Previous to 2018 |
| EMHSCA Steering Group | Governance | Primary Funding Organisations Executive Leadership, EMHSCA Co-Chairs, EMHSCA Project Officer | EMPHN and DHHSCo-Chair Organisations | Previously existed until 2012. New for 2018  |
| The Alliance | Operations | MOU Membership Organisations Senior Operational Leadership, EMHSCA Project Officer | In-kind by MOU Membership Organisations | Unchanged  |
| EMHSCA Implementation Committee | Implementation of EMHSCA activities | Nominated representatives from MOU Member Organisations, EMHSCA Project Officer | Funded Project Officer: DHHS, EMPHN, Eastern Health | Sub-Committees of EMHSCAWorkforce development; Collaborative Pathways; Strategic Planning; Physical Health |

**Our Vision**

The EMHCSA vision is to ensure that people who experience mental ill-health and co-occurring concerns have access to responsive, appropriate and collaborative services to assist with the multiple facets of their individual recovery journey.

***At EMHSCA we value:***

* **A Strategic approach** by encouraging the expansion of organisational thinking and planning into a broader regional context.
* **A Respectful approach** by treating everyone with courtesy, acknowledging all viewpoints, respecting diversity, and considering everyone with fairness and ensuring constructive honesty.
* **Participation** from a diverse network of services, consumers and carers who commit to being actively involved in the sharing of information, practice wisdom, resources, and innovation.
* **Working collaboratively** to support each other to achieve common goals and enhance integrated practice across the region.
* **Capacity Building** to assist with continuous improvement of the services provided in this region, enhancing collaboration and coordinated care.

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For further information about EMHSCA membership go to

<https://www.easternhealth.org.au/services/mental-health-services/eastern-mental-health-service-coordination-alliance>

Please refer to the

1. EMHSCA Strategic Plan
2. EMHSCA Memorandum of Understanding
3. EMHSCA Terms of Reference
4. Reports

 We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout Victoria and respect them, their culture and their Elders past, present and future.