Welcome to another Information Bulletin about the Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol (MHDA) Services Transformation Project.

In September 2015, the Mental Health Drug and Alcohol (MHDA) quantified Service Model was presented and endorsed by the Western NSW Local Health District (LHD) Board. The key elements of the future MHDA Service Model can be found by clicking here.

Staff Presentation now available online
The Steering Committee has delivered staff presentations in Orange, Dubbo and Bourke about the new service model. Thank you to all staff who attended. The Bourke presentation was video recorded so that staff who have not been able to attend one of the presentations can watch it - it is available on YouTube now - click here to access (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtjjIU-bXuo). The video goes for approximately 40 minutes.

Where are we now?
We are now in the first year of the Implementation Stage. In 2015/2016 the focus is on:

• planning for realignment of existing community services;
• working towards establishing the Assertive Community Treatment function and the Acute and Continuing Care function in the Hubs;
• review of the Dubbo Recovery Unit and the Panorama Clinic; and
• peer Worker Training.

Employee Survey
As MHDA moves to implementing the future service model, significant change will take place over time to ensure multidisciplinary teams and an equitable spread of services based on demography and need. There may be opportunities for existing staff interested in working in different streams or locations throughout the District.

To this end, MHDA staff were recently invited to complete an employee survey. It is a starting point which aims to identify interest of staff in future opportunities, so that this can be considered at the beginning of the process. There can, however, be no commitment or guarantee that individual interests can be met. Similarly survey responses do not commit staff.

We look forward to working with the MHDA staff on this next exciting stage of Service Transformation.

We welcome your input through the Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol Review email address: WNSWLHD-MHReview@health.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Meg Simpson, the Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol Service Transformation Project Manager: Meg.Simpson@health.nsw.gov.au

Click here for more information, including all issues of the Information Bulletins produced to date.