



Community Partnerships Roundtable

16 November 2022

Communique

The Community Partnerships Roundtable (The Roundtable) met on 16 November 2022. The Roundtable is co-chaired by the Director General of the Department of Communities (Communities), Mike Rowe and the Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS), Louise Giolitto.

Key discussion and outcomes from the meeting are as follows:

- Roundtable administration:
 - Louise Giolitto was re-elected as Sector Co-chair for the next two-year term.
 - Roundtable members endorsed the updated Terms of Reference.
- The Roundtable was provided with an update on the current COVID-19 situation:
 - The State Health Incident Coordination Centre (SHICC) has transitioned to the Disaster Management and Response Directorate within the Department of Health.
 - The State Welfare Incident Coordination Centre (SWICC) has transitioned to the Emergency and Relief Support Directorate within the Community Services Division of Communities.
 - Communities continue to provide RATs and PPE to eligible community sector organisations.
- The Roundtable's Commissioning Working Group provided an update on the progress of Communities' Commissioning Plan with a view to releasing a draft in December 2022, and updates annually thereafter.
- The Roundtable's Data Sharing and Outcomes Working Group provided an update including a focus on recommencing the distribution of previously released data to the sector and engaging with key stakeholders to identify data sharing opportunities.
- Recent Communities' Leadership Team appointments:
 - Melanie Samuels as Deputy Director General Community Services
 - Wayne Millen as Chief Finance Officer
 - Cheryl Smith as Assistant Director General Aboriginal Outcomes.
 - Renee Gioffre as Regional Executive Director Kimberley
- The next meeting will be held on 14 February 2023.

Further information

Community Partnerships Roundtable members bring a diverse range of experience and expertise to address system-wide issues and plan on matters of strategic importance relevant to the delivery of human services.

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