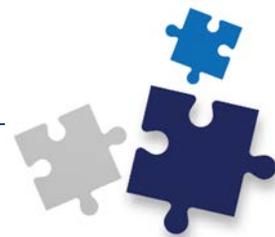


NHMRC CENTRE OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE



Purpose

To advise and support the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use (CREMS). Key Goals of the CREMS are to increase the knowledge base regarding the effective prevention and treatment of comorbid mental health and substance use disorders. These aims are achieved via three main research streams focusing on the prevention, treatment, and epidemiology of comorbid mental health and substance use disorders. An integral component of the CREMS is the translation of these research findings into policy, training and practise; thereby expanding our capacity to respond to comorbidity nationally and internationally.

Membership

The Executive Advisory Board (EAB), chaired by Prof Kevin Gournay and Ms Leonie Manns, comprises the Chief Investigators of the CREMS who are international leaders in the field of comorbidity. The Chief Investigators are:

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| ✿ Prof Maree Teesson | ✿ A/Prof Andrew Baillie |
| ✿ Prof Amanda Baker | ✿ Prof Helen Christensen |
| ✿ A/Prof Katherine Mills | ✿ Prof Max Birchwood |
| ✿ Dr Frances Kay-Lambkin | ✿ Prof Bonnie Spring |
| ✿ Prof Paul Haber | ✿ Prof Kathleen Brady |

A post-doctoral representative, appointed by the EAB, also sits on the Board for a nominated term of 12-months. Additional members may be co-opted at the Boards discretion when additional expertise is required.

Role and function

Where appropriate, the EAB will support the CREMS to:

- ✿ Engage with stakeholders, including academics, government, policy makers, service providers, non-government organisations, consumers and carers.
- ✿ Advocate to government on evidence-informed policy and programs.
- ✿ Monitor the key performance indicators of the CREMS.
- ✿ Ensure the research goals and research quality meets international standards.
- ✿ Provide expert advice regarding national grant applications and international opportunities.
- ✿ Provide input into the research priorities of the CREMS.
- ✿ Guide translation of research into clinical practice.

Meetings

The EAB meets bi-annually.