



2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Friday 29 November 2019

The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins Melbourne
630 Little Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Present

Alys Boase (MHV Board/Ermha), Belinda Caldwell (Eating Disorders Victoria), Leslie Cannold (MHV Board), Allan Carlow (PHCN), Paula Clancy (Bayside City Council), Tom Dalton (Neami National), Jane Davison (Holmesglen), Damian Ferrie (MHV Board/Star Health), Briannan Frik (Victoria University), Anthea Gellie (National Disability Services), Robyn Hunter (Mind Australia), Charlotte Jones (Mental Health Legal Centre), Emma King (MHV Board/VCOSS), Karenza Louis Smith (Ermha), Christopher McDermott (MHV Board), Brooke McKail (VCOSS), Adriana Mendoza (VTMH), Tassia Michaleas (MHV Board/Merri Health), Quinn Pawson (MHV Board/Uniting Care), Robbert Roos (Tandem Inc.), Terry Palioportas (Mentis Assist), Jess Pomeroy (CHIA Vic), Jill Pope (Breakthru), Peter Pynta (MHV Board), Simon Stafrace (MHV Board/The Alfred Hospital), Glen Tobias (Neami National), Maggie Toko (VMIAC), Josie Tremain (VTMH), Scott Walker (Carers Victoria), Simon Wrigley (MHV Board/Mind Australia), Angus Clelland (MHV), Joshua Finn (MHV), Gail Guest (MHV), David McGuire (MHV), Danielle McLeod (MHV), Noris Zarth (MHV).

Apologies

Kristen Altamura (One in Five), Vrinda Egan (VMIAC), Steve Michelson (Australians for Mental Health), Marie Piu (Tandem Inc.), Vanessa Roberts (Ramsay Health), Gabrielle Sheehan (One in Five).

1. Welcome

The Chair of the Board, Mr Damian Ferrie, opened the meeting at 12:34pm, welcomed attendees and noted the apologies.

2. Acknowledgment of Country

On behalf of those present, the Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the AGM was being held, and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3. Minutes

Motion: That the 2018 Mental Health Victoria Annual General Meeting Minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Mr Wrigley

Seconded: Ms Boase

Carried at 12:35pm.

4. Address by the Chair of the Board

The Chair reflected on the work that has been undertaken by Mental Health Victoria (MHV) as a leader in system reform over the previous 12 months, noting that:

- the Victorian Mental Health Policy Network (VMHPN) had provided a collaborative and safe space for representatives of over 25 peak organisations with a common interest in policy reform;
- MHV had been a vocal and public advocate for reform and had contributed to securing budget commitments from both the State and Federal governments, including \$70 million for new psychosocial disability support services and \$114.5 million for a trial of 8 adult community mental health centres, later expanded to a commitment of building 100 centres over 10 years;
- MHV had provided a comprehensive plan for reform in its submission to the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System, 12 months on from the *Savings Lives. Saving Money* report, and had also provided submissions to other key inquiries, including the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Mental Health and the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, developed through comprehensive consultation with stakeholders; and
- MHV had been building its media presence including through recent interviews of CEO Mr Clelland on TV, radio and print media.

The Chair thanked Mr Clelland, Board members and staff, and acknowledged the many opportunities coming up in 2019 for MHV to work with stakeholders in the mental health system, including consumers and carers, to represent sector views at the highest levels within government and society.

5. Finance Report

The Chair of the Finance, Audit & Risk Management (FARM) Committee, Ms Michaelas acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the AGM was being held and then provided an overview of the 2018–19 Audited Financial Statements, noting that:

- MHV complied with financial accounting standards and the provisions of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*;
- the organisation had experienced a solid year of operation, obtaining a net surplus of approximately \$190,000, based on a total income of approx. \$2,322 million (up by approx. \$437,000) and expenses of approx. \$2,131 million (up approx. \$246,000); and
- MHV's reliance on government funding was an ongoing challenge, and the Board was committed to diversifying MHV's income streams. Some progress had been made with this regard, including corporate sponsorship, securing of grants across State and Federal Governments, and MHV's first-ever surplus in its learning and development business. This focus on funding diversification would continue into the next year.

Ms Michaelas thanked the FARM Committee members, the auditors, and MHV staff including CEO, Mr Angus Clelland, Director of Workforce Development and Learning Mr David McGuire and Accountant, Ms. Noris Zarth.

Motion: That the 2018–19 *Mental Health Victoria Finance Report* be received.

Moved: Mr McDermott **Seconded:** Ms King **Carried** at 12:52pm.

6. Governance Report

a. Acknowledgment of service

The Chair farewelled Mr Terry Palioportas and Mr Glen Tobias who retired from the Board in 2018, thanking them for their service. The Chair also acknowledged the work of Mr Simon Wrigley and Ms Alys Boase who would complete their terms as directors at the conclusion of the AGM.

The Chair welcomed Dr Leslie Cannold and Ms Emma King, who were appointed to the Board in 2018.

b. Outcome of the Board Ballots

The Chair announced the outcomes of the two Board ballots held during the year.

The Chair welcomed Mr Christopher McDermott and Mr Peter Pynta who were elected and joined the Board prior to the AGM.

The Chair then announced the outcome of the most recent Board ballot, welcoming Mr Tom Dalton and Ms Karenza Louis Smith who would join the Board at the conclusion of the AGM.

7. Mental Health Reform Roadmap: 2020 and beyond

The CEO, Mr Clelland, provided a brief overview of MHV's the policy and advocacy highlights in 2019, noting the importance of collaboration and consultation with stakeholders, especially through the VMHPN.

Particular outputs were noted including the *Saving Lives. Saving Money.* report, the commissioning of KPMG's model costing review into adult community mental health hubs, and multiple submissions to the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System, the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, and the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Mental Health.

Further mention was made of MHV highlights in the media, and the achievements of MHV's workforce development and learning team including building the peer workforce, NDIS workforce development and aged care workforce development.

Mr Clelland then presented a roadmap for 2019–23, noting the convergence of multiple reform opportunities in 2020 including the release of final reports from the Productivity Commission and multiple Royal Commissions, along with the National Suicide Prevention Advisers final report and the Commonwealth's Vision 2030. Other opportunities noted include the new Commonwealth Child Mental Health Strategy, the National Suicide Prevention Strategy, the potential for a new COAG mental

health agreement, and MHV's national conference to be held from 17–18 March 2020 to frame the national and state reform processes. Mr Clelland noted that engagement with the membership would continue throughout these opportunities.

Mr Clelland thanked MHV members, the Board and staff.

8. Conclusion and Meeting Close

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the AGM and formally closed the meeting at 1:11pm.

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