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This report covers the 2012 calendar year, following a decision by Council to align its planning and reporting timelines.

The terms Council or MACD have been used interchangeably throughout this report and refer to the Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability (Western Australia).

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Executive Report

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability is an official advisory body legislated in the Disability Services Act 1993. The Council's role and function is to provide the Minister for Disability Services with independent advice on matters that affect people with disability in WA. To undertake this task a balanced representation of disability is achieved through the members and their established networks within the disability community.

My second year as Chair has been very busy with the finalisation of our major consultation on Self Directed Services into report form, and another consultation in the area of health with the Carers Advisory Council. Council members are also asked to be on many committees and reference groups to give ongoing feedback and ideas to the sector on a range of topics as detailed in this report.

There are a range of matters that require work on a long term basis to achieve change to policy, services and programs for people with disability. An example of this is the development of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. A vast amount of discussion, a range of forums and events occurred in 2012, continuing from the work that began in 2011, that has led to the groundwork for a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) draft legislation finally being realised. Further work will continue into 2013 and beyond in this area with the trial sites commencing in mid-2013.

Council Activity

In November 2011 the Council undertakes planning for the subsequent year. Priorities and Watching Briefs are identified to develop an Annual Work Plan. This does not preclude the Council working on other matters that arise.

A major project for 2012 was the partnership between the MACD and the Carers Advisory Council to bring together people with disability, carers and health professionals to explore effective communication practice for all involved in health settings/situations. The project was also looking at best practice consultation processes and a variety of methods of providing comment was developed to meet the needs of all people including those with communication challenges. Our Minister was able to open the forum, with Dr Simon Towler from the Department of Health providing a health professional perspective. The findings from the consultation process will be finalised in 2013.

Employment is always an important area in the lives of people with disability, their families and carers. The Council identified a range of issues and invited a range of speakers to a special meeting to present some of the barriers they have experienced. Further work will be done on this area in 2013 with a report to be provided to the Minister.

An immense amount of work went into the collation and analysis of the information gathered from the Self Directed Services consultation held in 2011. An interim report was provided to the Minister and posted on the MACD website.

Council also identifies areas that they wish to maintain a Watching Brief on. This year they included both state and national Disability Strategies – the Count Me In – Disability Future Directions and the National Disability Strategy, Education, and the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the National Injury Insurance Scheme.

Members also represent the Council on a range of external committees. For committee representation and further detail on the Priorities and Watching Briefs refer to the 'Report on Council Activities' section in this report.

Chair's role and activities

As Chairperson I am often invited to participate in reference groups and speak at events. Some highlights from 2012 include:

- **You're Welcome State Reference Group:** I was asked to speak on behalf of the MACD and the Disability Services Commission (DSC) Board at an event held at the City of Perth to acknowledge a range of small cafes, bars and restaurants in the City of Perth who have signed up to the You're Welcome initiative.
- **Health Consumers Council:** I was asked by the Health Consumers Council to provide a short presentation on my experiences as a person with disability in the health system.
- **My Way Project Workshop:** This workshop brought together a number of individuals with disability, family and carers, service provider representatives and other key people from the sector and launch site areas. Discussion focused on further development of the core aspects of the project as well as reference group membership, the My Way coordinator role and the planning process.
- **A Conversation about Perth's Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Service:** I attended this forum on behalf of the Minister. After passing on her apology and assuring people that the Minister was aware of the issues, and would receive feedback from the forum, I then joined a table as a facilitator for the conversations. Many issues raised were in line with Council's briefing note to the Minister on transport issues.
- **Blind Citizens WA NDIS Forum:** This forum was organised by Blind Citizens Australia for the WA branch. I attended as MACD Chair as well as one of the WA members of an Expert Advisory Group. It was an informative discussion and there was a good opportunity to hear the hopes and concerns of blind citizens.
- **Emerging Technology Forum:** This forum was a roundtable discussion with a range of service providers, Independent Living Centre and other stakeholders. The focus was on getting an idea of where the sector was currently sitting in terms of the use of available technology and awareness of

new technology. Ideas were then put forward on how to improve the sectors awareness of emerging technology.

- **National Disability Strategy Meeting in Melbourne - Disability Advisory Bodies and Disability Officials Working Group:** The chairs of each state and territory Disability Advisory Bodies are charged with meeting twice a year with representatives from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and the officers from each state and territory government's disability service system. The aim of the meetings is to discuss, monitor and have input into the implementation of the National Disability Strategy.

Although I was also a member of the WA NDIS Reference Group and the Self Directed Services Group at the state government level as an individual, I ensured the Council was up to date on those areas of interest.

The Chair of the Council also sits on the DSC Board to give a broader perspective to the board. In that role I was able to visit Local Area Coordinator (LAC) offices in regional areas to gain a greater understanding of the work done on the ground, and the issues for families and people with disability. I visited the Peel region where I met families who had recently taken part in a Family Living Initiative plan. I also heard about the Mandurah Hub which is an innovative concept supporting people who live independently in the community by a person/couple receiving free rental to provide some community support to 6 to 8 people with disability who live independently in the area.

My visit to the Lower Great Southern (Albany) in May included a day and a half meeting the LAC team, service providers and people with disability and families. I visited the Vancouver Arts Cafe (a Count Me In award winner) which supports people with disability as mainstream employees through a partnership with Great Southern Institute of Technology, with the support of Café owner Alison Teede. I met with Great Southern Personnel who supported some of the employees to work at the cafe, the Lower Great Southern Family Living Association and the Community Living Association both of whom provide a range of services and each provide different models of accommodation.

Membership

Member's maximum time on Council is four years. Change of membership is seen as a positive, to gain a fresh viewpoint and provide opportunities for others to participate. To achieve our objective in advancing the inclusion of people with disability, engagement with people with disability, their families and carers through our established member's networks and consultation is important. As an advisory body we exist to provide an independent avenue of advice and to ensure the voice of people with disability, their families and carers can be heard through us to the decision makers.

This year membership was reasonably constant. We farewelled two members in the mid to latter part of 2012; Ishtar Beetham and Ranil Ratnayeke resigned prior

to their second term expiry date for personal reasons. Ishtar brought a regional viewpoint from living in the Lower Great Southern region (Albany), as well as the perspective of a parent and a social worker. Ranil provided a parent and a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse perspective; both members brought a great amount of knowledge and expertise to Council's work. On behalf of the Council I sincerely thank them for their contribution and input for well over two years and wish them the best for the future.

As we farewell members we welcome the new. Four new members commenced in January 2012; Philip Badger, Helen Dullard OAM, Penny Fogarty and Dr Rachel Skoss.

I would like to thank all members for the work they undertook in 2012, at meetings, in forums and facilitating at our consultations. In particular I would like to thank Noreen Fynn, the Deputy Chair, who I worked so closely with.

Several staff changes also occurred; mid-year Carol Ambridge, Executive Assistant went on extended leave and Roslyn Creed acted in this position during this period. Gail had an opportunity to work in another position within the Commission for three months which provided Denise Berry an opportunity to act in the Executive Officer position followed by Carol prior to Gail's return in December 2012. I would like to thank all staff members for the smooth transition they provided to the Council Executive and the members throughout this time, as well as their hard work in organising our major consultations.

Thanks also goes to the many guest speakers who attend our meetings to keep us informed and hear our views as well as our regular observers throughout the year - Alison Blake and Deborah Spittle (DSC) and Michael Peverley (FaHCSIA). The strong connection helps us to raise the issues of importance to people with disabilities, families and carers in the right places.

Lastly I would like to thank Minister Helen Morton for her time and her acknowledgement of the work of the Council.



Samantha Jenkinson
Chairperson



Note from members and staff: We would like to acknowledge the tireless work of our Chairperson, Samantha Jenkinson. Samantha's work was noted publicly at the 2012 National Disability Awards at the end of 2012 where Samantha was awarded for "Excellence in Disability Reform". Samantha's commitment to improving service provision in the areas of housing, in-home support, person-centred planning, human rights and inclusion was well recognised and the award was well deserved.

About Us

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability is an independent body constituted under the Disability Services Act 1993 to provide advice to the State Minister for Disability Services on matters affecting or likely to affect people with disability, their families and carers. The Council was established in accordance with Part 3 and Schedule 5 of the Act.

Council is comprised of 14 members selected and appointed by the Minister. Membership must reflect the spectrum of people with a disability and includes people with disability, family members, carers, advocates and service providers.

The Council's Strategic Framework assists the Council to deliver a strategic approach when providing valuable information and advice to the Minister. The framework includes the five Focus Areas:

- **Focus Area 1 - Getting Everyone's Input**
This focus area describes how the Council will consult with people with disability, their families and carers, advocates and the wider community of Western Australia as required by the State Disability Services Act 1993.

- **Focus Area 2 - Connecting with Government and the Community**
This focus area describes how the Council will connect with Government and the community of Western Australia to create positive changes for people with disability, their families and carers.

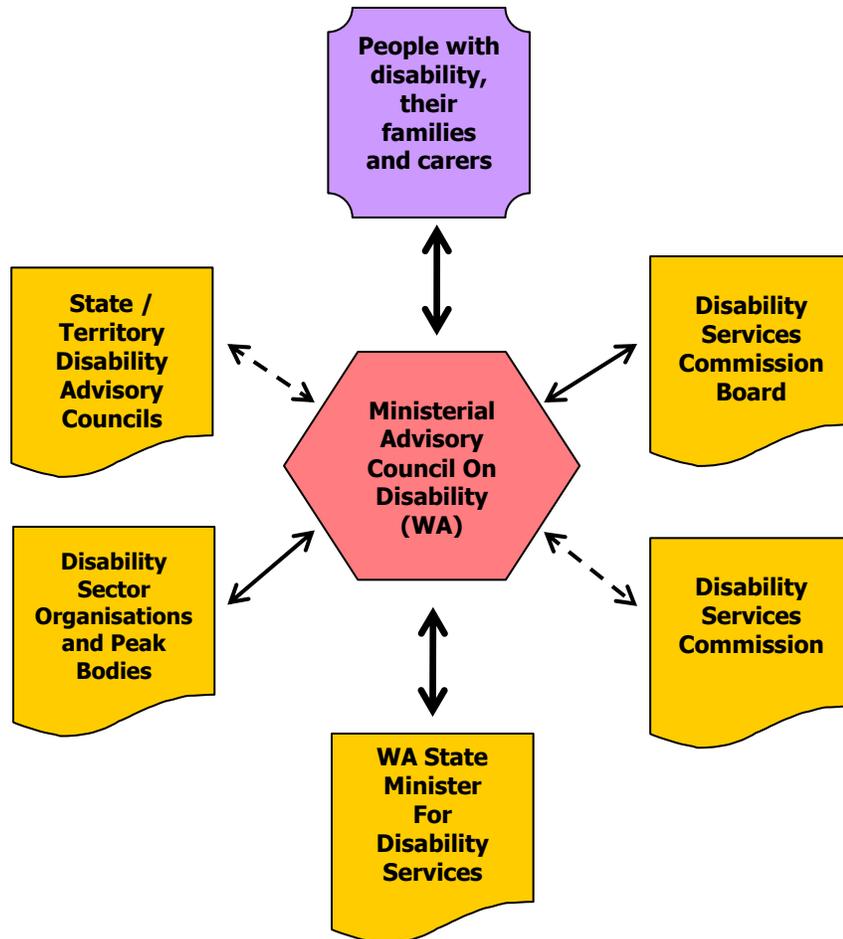
- **Focus Area 3 - Increasing Awareness**
This focus area describes how the Council will work to increase community awareness regarding people with disability, their families and carers.

- **Focus Area 4 - Working together with the Minister**
This focus area describes how the Council works together with the State Minister for Disability Services and Ministerial staff.

- **Focus Area 5 - How the Council works**
This focus area describes how the Council manages its role.

For further detail visit our website and go to 'Publications' www.macd.wa.gov.au

The Council undertakes its work through consultation with the community through the member's community networks and linkages and through formal consultation processes. The diagram below shows the links and flow of information gathering:



Description of diagram for screenreaders:

The diagram above includes three shapes in a central vertical position and four shapes (two either side). The top shape represents people with disability, their families and carers with an arrow to the Council followed by an arrow to the WA State Minister for Disability Services. This represents the flow of information and advice coming from the community through the Council and onto the Minister. The other four shapes depict secondary links to State and Territory Disability Advisory Councils, Disability Sector Organisations and Peak Bodies, the Disability Services Commission Board and the Disability Services Commission.

Report on Council Activities in 2012

Annual Work Plan

In November 2011, the Council conducted a planning session for work to be undertaken in 2012. The following Annual Work Plan was developed and includes Priorities, Watching Briefs and member representation on External Committees.

Priorities

Employment

The Council identified that a stronger focus is needed to improve employment opportunities for people with disability. The September 2012 Council meeting had a focus on employment that included presentations from a range of individual and industry representatives. A list of issues and barriers experienced by individuals and employers was developed and the briefing paper is still in development stage and will be completed in 2013.

Some of the main issues identified were transitioning stages, meaningful employment, recruitment processes, challenges faced in country areas, job readiness and supports and resources required for skills building.

Health

Joint project with Carers Advisory Council – Sharing Healthy Conversations Consultation



The Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability and the Carers Advisory Council (CAC) undertook this project in partnership. The Councils wanted to bring together people with disability, carers and health professionals to explore effective communication practice for all involved in health settings/situations. The project was also looking at best practice consultation processes and a variety of methods of providing comment was developed, or provided, to meet the needs of all people including those with communication challenges.

The information will be collated and analysed to find common themes which may inform future policies, procedures and education of people with disability, carers and health professionals. Work on the project will continue in 2013. For further information go to www.macd.wa.gov.au in the archived news section.

Disability Health Network and Disability Liaison Officers

In 2011 the WA Health Department conducted a Clinical Senate, titled “Clinicians - Do you see me?” with a purpose of putting disability in the forefront of health. Several recommendations stemmed from this Senate including the establishment of a Disability Health Network and the introduction of Disability Liaison Officers in hospitals.

Disability Health Network - Consultative Forum and Network Launch:

In July, 70 people from the disability, health and mental health sectors joined people with disability, family members and advocates to participate in the inaugural meeting of the Disability Health Consultative Group. The forum provided an opportunity for a consultation on topics relating to the formation of the network. In November, at the official launch of the Disability Health Network, the Council Chairperson was asked to present on her personal experiences in the health system. The event also provided an opportunity for people to make suggestions on ways to move forward and improve in the areas of health promotion, employment, champions and education.

Disability Liaison Officers: Initially they will be looking at basing the liaison officers at north and south based hospitals possibly as a Disability Liaison Nurse where their role will be to assist people with disability while they are in hospital. Some areas will include communication for the person, identifying their needs, understanding challenging behaviour, increasing the awareness of medical staff and offering support for carers. The project will be conducted over two years.

The Council will continue to monitor the implementation and ongoing work of both initiatives.

Sport and Recreation

The WA Department of Sport and Recreation undertook a review into the disability sport and recreation sector. The purpose of the review was to identify good practice and gaps in service delivery and to develop recommendations to improve the coordination of services for people with disability.

Several members had input through attendance at the consultation forum undertaken by the Department of Sport and Recreation. Further monitoring of the implementation plan will be undertaken by Council in 2013.

Self Directed Services

The key objective of this project was to undertake state-wide community consultation with people with disability, their families and carers and service

providers and advocates. The intent was to gather information on what self directed services would mean to all involved. Following the consultation process, throughout late 2011 and early 2012, a full report was provided to the Disability Services Minister. An interim report, detailing the consultation findings is available on the Council's website www.macd.wa.gov.au

The consultation framework focused on the following themes. Listed under each section are the key issues resulting from the consultation.

Section 1: Understanding self directed services - what people with disability, their families and carers understand about self directed services

1. Choice
2. Community awareness
3. Control
4. Service design

Section 2: Capacity building – what people need

1. Information
2. Education, training and support
3. Resources

Section 3: Accountability and Safeguards – managing things and being safe

Accountability

1. Reporting processes
2. Support
3. Review processes
4. Funding
5. Service agreements

Safeguards

1. Legal / regulatory
2. Education and training
3. Service providers and workforce
4. Independent bodies and networks
5. Review of safeguard systems
6. Rural and remote

Section 4: Impact on sector development – how will organisations be affected

1. Organisational development
2. Service design
3. Sustainability
4. Workforce

Watching Briefs

The following items were listed as Watching Briefs. The Council received updates on the activities for each area below and monitored the impacts that these activities had on people with disability, their families and carers. Where able, Council members provided comment in a variety of ways.

Disability Strategies

Count Me In (CMI) - Disability Future Directions

The Council remained updated on CMI activities and initiatives through the Commission observer's monthly report. Member comment and input was provided on a range of matters. Several members also attended CMI Ambassador Showcase events throughout the year.

National Disability Strategy (NDS)

The NDS outlines a ten-year national policy framework, which all levels of government have committed to, to drive improvement across mainstream policies, programs, services and infrastructure, as well as specialist disability services.

The Disability Advisory Body Chairs of each state and territory meet twice a year to assist with the monitoring of the NDS implementation. The MACD Chair, Samantha Jenkinson attended a meeting in Melbourne in September 2012. Other attendees included members of the Disability Officials Working Group who are from each state and territory government disability policy area and representatives from the Human Rights Commission, Australian Local Government Association and FaHCSIA. The purpose of the meeting was for Disability Advisory Body Chairs from each state and territory to provide feedback on the suggestions for future work on the NDS and to gain feedback on the first meeting of the National Disability Strategy Implementation Reference Group (NDSIRG).

The group will meet again in 2013 where discussion will focus on the monitoring of the NDS and Count Me In (the state/territory cross government plan which directly relates to the NDS); what trend indicators could be added to the draft indicators already in place for the NDS; and examine how disability can be included in specific national agreements.

Education

The Council monitored the More Support for Students with Disabilities Initiative (MSSD).

We attended the National VET Equity Advisory Council (NVEAC) consultation for training providers as part of the Equity Blueprint process. The Equity Blueprint highlights the VET systems and processes which, if reformed, will make a real difference to the lives and futures of learners who experience disadvantage, while making the VET system stronger for all learners.

National Disability Insurance Scheme and National Injury Insurance Scheme

The Council is strongly supportive of the above schemes and their proposed directions.

The Council prepared a briefing to the Minister proposing the following:

- establish a pool of people with disability, their families and carers, and representatives from peak bodies who have knowledge and lived experience in the areas of building blocks of the National Disability Insurance Scheme; and
- establish a series of roundtable discussions with selected people to inform activity on the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

In addition the Council submitted a paper to the Minister highlighting limitations and opportunities of existing and proposed support systems. In particular the potential for some people to be ineligible for funded supports; access to alternative services and supports; and the potential for loss of services.

External Committee Representation

Council's representation on various committees/working parties in 2012 included the following:

- **Consultative Forum on Health and Older Australians, Disabilities and Carers (Department of Human Services)**
Melissa Northcott (Proxy Greg Madson)

- **DSC Carers Recognition Act Reference Group**
Ranil Ratnayeke (Proxy Noreen Fynn)

- **DSC DAIP Implementation Steering Committee**
Sam Connor (Proxy Greg Madson)

- **Economic Audit Committee - Self Directed Services Reference Group**
Samantha Jenkinson (Proxy Noreen Fynn)

- **National Disability Services WA (NDSWA) Disability Employment Services Sub Committee**
Greg Madson (Proxy Kim Hawkins)

- **Positive Behaviour Framework Guiding Committee**
Jacqueline Reid (Proxy Helen Dullard)

- **You're Welcome Access Initiative Committee and WA Accessible Tourism Reference Group**
Sam Connor (Proxy Greg Madson)

- **Living in the West Conference Committee**
Sam Connor

Meetings

Council members participate in a range of meetings within the sector. Several are standing meetings and meetings that provide an opportunity for Council to have input into a range of strategies and initiatives. It also allows the members to network and raise awareness of the Council within the community.

Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability

The Council meets on the last Friday of each month (excluding December). Items of discussion at the Council meetings are outlined throughout this report.

Below is an overview of those who attend regular Council meetings:

- Council members and support staff
- A representative from the Disability Services Commission attends as an observer.
- A representative from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs attends as an observer.
- The Minister and the Minister's Policy Adviser attend two meetings throughout the year. The Council Executive meets with the Minister on a regular basis.
- The Disability Services Commission's Director General and staff provide briefings to Council on specific matters.

Guest Speakers at Council meetings

Council regularly invites guest speakers to meetings to inform members on priority areas, current and emerging issues or new initiatives and/or policy. This also provides an opportunity for Council to provide comment on the subject area. The following lists the speaker and subject area they presented on:

- Marion Hailes MacDonald, Disability Services Commission - Update on NDIS
- Robyn Massey, Disability Services Commission - My Way Project
- Sharleen Chilvers and Tricia Dewar, Disability Services Commission - Disability Health Network and Disability Liaison Officers.
- Wendy Murray, Disability Services Commission - Transition to Retirement
- Philip Badger, Trevor Patterson, Monique Williamson, Marcus Stafford and M Di Pugh – Employment Focus

Meetings between the Minister and the Council

The Council advises the Minister on strategic issues as well as issues as they arise. Identification of issues, in accordance with the Council's legislative mandate, is carried out by close and continuous liaison with the disability community whose opinion is sought, where appropriate, on issues under consideration.

The Council provides advice to the State Minister for Disability Services through written briefings and at regular meetings with the Council Executive and the whole Council. During 2012 the Council provided information to the Minister on the following matters:

- Compliance for Accessibility of Publications
- Council rural and regional membership
- Declared Places
- Employment
- Limitations and opportunities of existing and proposed support systems
- MACD 2011 Annual Work Report
- My Way relationship with NDIS
- National Disability Insurance Scheme and National Injury Insurance Scheme
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Reference Group
- Consumer Representation and Communication Issues
- Self Directed Services Report
- Sharing Healthy Conversations Consultation - Joint Project between the Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability and the Carers Advisory Council
- Transport Issues
- Vision for Sustainable Supported Employment

Written reports submitted to the Minister

Mental Health Bill 2011: The Council provided comment to the Disability Services Minister on the Draft Mental Health Bill 2011 noting some areas of concern regarding people with disability and mental health issues. The following items were raised:

- Concerns in the draft Bill around consent for the sterilisation of women and girls with mental illness.
- People with disability not identified as a key group throughout the document.
- Minimal inclusion in the Bill, of people who experience a dual diagnosis and their difficulty in accessing services.

- Minimal inclusion in the Bill, for people with disability who may experience mental illness that directly relates to their disability.

Limitations and opportunities of existing and proposed support systems

Limitations and opportunities of existing and proposed support systems were highlighted to the Minister. This paper focused on the potential for some people to be ineligible for funded supports; limited access to alternative services and supports; and the potential for loss of services currently and following the introduction of the NDIS.

Commonwealth People's Forum October 2011 (Report submitted in 2012)

The Commonwealth People's Forum (CPF) brings together civil society representatives, from around the world, to discuss and debate key issues facing those who live in the Commonwealth. Held every two years in the run up to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, the CPF is the single biggest opportunity for civil society to engage with Commonwealth leaders on global development issues.

The attendance of Samantha Jenkinson, Chairperson of the Council, at this forum provided an opportunity for Samantha to meet people from a range of Commonwealth countries and to hear their perspectives and experiences of human rights. It also provided networking opportunities with colleagues from national and international disability organisations.

Working together with the Carers Advisory Council: Refer to Health Priority in this report for detailed information.

Transport issues concerning people with disability in Western Australia

The Council provided a report to the Minister on a range of transport issues recommending that the concerns be conveyed to the Minister for Transport. They included:

Taxis: Lack of accessible taxis, pre-booking service, Guide Dogs and the Taxi User Subsidy Scheme.

Trains: Ramps, station lifts, access difficulties at several stations, future light rail and people with communication challenges limiting their use of train travel.

Buses: Access to buses and amendments to bus routes.

Other issues: Touring and charter travel, complaints processes, lack of consumer representation on advisory groups and the use of technology.

National Disability Strategy Report

Refer to Watching Brief NDS in this report for detailed information.

National Disability Insurance Scheme Proposal for Roundtable Discussions

Refer to Watching Brief NDIS in this report for detailed information.

Disability Services Commission Board

Although the Council's mandate extends beyond the Commission we have a strong working relationship with the Commission Board and staff. The Chair of the Council is also a member of the Board of the Disability Services Commission and brings a consumer representative viewpoint to the Board.

The Council Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Executive Officer meet regularly with the Commission's Board Chairperson, Bruce Langoulant and the Director General, Dr Ron Chalmers.

The following items were discussed at meetings in 2012:

- Self Directed Services MACD Consultation
- MACD Annual Work Plan 2012
- Consumer Engagement
- Accessibility of the ACDC data collection online process
- Commission Staff Orientation
- Autism – diagnosis and services
- Disability Health Network and Disability Liaison Officers
- Early Intervention Services
- Employment
- Declared Places
- Sector Development Plan
- My Way project

Joint Meeting of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability and the Carers Advisory Council

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability and the Carers Advisory Council (CAC) met in March 2012. The following items were discussed:

- Joint Council project "Sharing Healthy Conversations"
- Carers Advisory Council update
- MACD update

Networking Events and Other Meetings

Throughout the year the Council members and staff attend various events including public forums, consultations, launches and awards. These events provide opportunities for members to network, gather information, participate in discussion and increase the profile of the Council.

Council members and staff attended the following events throughout 2012:

- Shaping the NDIS
- Perth City Link project and Forrest Place stage 3B
- Professor Eric Emerson - Building resilience and creating positive health outcomes for people with disability
- WA Home and Community Care Program - Assessment Framework Metro Information Sessions
- Stakeholder Consultation - Peak Body for Rare Diseases
- Count Me In Ambassador Showcase Solar Dwellings - Ambassador Griff Morris
- Nature of the Relationship Series 2012 – “Is this service what the community needs?”
- Everyday Lives In Everyday Communities - Bunbury
- Australian Rally to Make Disability Reform Real
- You’re Welcome Access WA Initiative
- Getting back to basics: Intellectual Disability and Open Employment
- PWDWA Transport Forum
- Designing Self Directed Services and Supports in WA
- Exploring Self Directed Services and Supports in WA
- Research Rights Conference – Inclusive Research - Sydney
- Social Enterprise Seminar
- Nature of the Relationship Series 2012 - Collaboration in the Contract Development Process: “Why it is important, but doesn’t often happen?”
- Working with the “Other” Sector
- Carer Symposium 2012
- Sector Briefing - Disability Justice Centres Guiding Philosophy
- Disability Health Consultative Group
- My Way Project
- Sharing Healthy Conversations Consultation
- A Conversation about Perth’s Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Service
- WA Carers Conference 2012 - Caring at the Crossroads
- NDS Employment Forum 2012
- Partnership Forum Community Event
- Disability Coalition meetings (Disability Peak Bodies) - Executive Officer

Council Membership and Staff

Council Members

Membership of the Council is drawn from interested persons who have experience, skills or knowledge of disability. For member profiles visit the Council website: www.macd.wa.gov.au.

Ms Samantha Jenkinson (Chair)	3rd Term 1/1/2012 – 31/12/2013
Ms Ishtar Beetham (resigned 6/2012)	2 nd Term 8/3/2012 – 7/3/2014
Mr Philip Badger	1 st Term 1/1/2012 – 31/12/2013
Ms Samantha Connor	2 nd Term 22/11/2012 – 21/11/2014
Ms Noreen Fynn (Deputy Chair)	2 nd Term 16/3/2011 – 15/3/2013
Ms Kim Hawkins	2 nd Term 8/3/2012 – 7/3/2014
Ms Helen Dullard	1 st Term 1/1/2012 – 31/12/2013
Mr Greg Madson (Treasurer)	2 nd Term 16/3/2011 – 15/3/2013
Ms Melissa Northcott	2 nd Term 16/3/2011 – 15/3/2013
Mr Ranil Ratnayeke (resigned 10/2012)	2 nd Term 8/3/2012– 7/3/2014
Ms Jacqueline Reid	2 nd Term 24/11/2012 – 23/11/2014
Mr Crispin Roberts	2 nd Term 16/3/2011 – 15/3/2013
Dr Rachel Skoss	1 st Term 1/1/2012 – 31/12/2013
Ms Penny Fogarty	1 st Term 1/1/2012 – 31/12/2013

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