

NCOSS Conference –

Working together for Mental Health

DADHC

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Introduction

- Role of DADHC
- The Home and Community Care (HACC) Program
- Current issues affecting service delivery in relation to Mental Health

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What is DADHC responsible for?

- Lead agency supporting older people, younger people with a disability and their carers in NSW to have equitable opportunity to participate in community life
- Function provided through:
 - ❖ Development of a whole of community response
 - ❖ Supporting an accessible and responsive generic service system, and
 - ❖ Funding or directly providing specialist supports or services

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The HACC Program

- HACC was established in 1986 via the HACC Act 1985
- HACC is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments
- The primary HACC target group includes frail older people and younger people with a moderate to severe disability who require ongoing assistance with basic support services i.e. assistance with tasks of daily living, and their carers

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The HACC Program

- The program was designed to provide low level support to prevent premature or inappropriate admission to long term residential care
- The definition of residential care also includes more recent care equivalents such as CACP and EACH
- Services which cannot be provided include any type of accommodation, personal aids and appliances and treatment for acute illness

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HACC Funded Services

- Domestic Assistance
- Personal Care
- Home Maintenance
- Home Modifications
- Social Support
- Centre-Based Day Care
- Linen Services
- Food Services
- Respite
- Transport
- Paramedical/Allied Health
- Nursing Care
- Assessment, referral and Case Management

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“No Growth” Services

- Rehabilitation
- Specific disability services
- Services for families in crisis
- Palliative Care

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HACC Eligibility

- To be eligible to receive HACC services a person must fit within the identified target group
- Eligibility is not on the basis of diagnosis, nor is it an entitlement, rather services are provided on the basis of eligibility and relative need
- Assessment of eligibility focuses on FUNCTIONAL ABILITY - i.e. the requirement for assistance with tasks of daily living (eg bathing, meal preparation, transport) and the extent to which this prevents inappropriate long term care admission

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Issues Affecting Service Provision to Mental Health clients

- Volunteer Work Force
- Block service times/response
- Case Management
- Broader DADHC issues
 - ❖ Intersections with other funding programs
 - ❖ Dual diagnosis
 - ❖ Post acute care and discharge planning
 - ❖ Sustainability of the service system
 - ❖ Silos vs unmet need

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