**MEMBERS BULLETIN 12 DECEMBER: FURTHER READING**

**Expression of Interest – Casual Vacancy Executive Committee**

Carrie’s resignation creates a casual vacancy on the Executive Committee. The Rules of the Association provide that after opening nominations to all members and the lapse of 14 days, the Executive Committee may appoint or elect a nominee of a member to fill the vacancy. That person will hold office until the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

The Executive resolved to call for a general expression of interest to fill the vacancy. The actual vacancy is the position of Chair. However, if a current member of the Executive stands for and is appointed as Chair, there may be a vacancy in the Deputy Chair or an Ordinary Member role - so please tick all of the roles that you would like to be considered for on the [attached EOI Form](https://www.communitylaw.net/members-update-attachments)

The completed Expression of Interest must be returned to the Community Legal WA office (33 Moore Street, East Perth) or by email to administrator@communitylegalwa.org.au by 5:00 pm Wednesday, 18 December 2019.

Please contact Sharryn at executivedirector@communitylegalwa.org.au if you would like further information.

**Mental Health Commission – Court diversion model – Consultation Meeting date changed**

The Mental Health Commission (MHC) has been in contact seeking feedback from CLCs regarding their revised court diversion model under the WA Diversion Program (WADP) for adult offenders appearing in Western Australia Magistrates’ Courts with Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) related problems.

The intention is that the new model, once finalised, will provide a single referral pathway ensuring efficient, appropriately targeted pre-sentence treatment options, and will replace the existing pre-sentence adult court diversion programs:

* Pre-Sentence Opportunity Program (POP);
* Indigenous Diversion Program (IDP); and
* Supervised Treatment Intervention Regime (STIR).

The further development and finalisation of the revised model will be supported by a dedicated Adult AOD Court Diversion Advisory Group comprising relevant internal and external court stakeholders. The Advisory Group will be responsible for supporting the overall direction of the project with a focus on:

* proposed model and related policy and procedural needs;
* project implementation timeline; and
* overall project governance and monitoring and review.

I circulated the information to managers by email on Monday, 2 December 2019 and advised that the Diversion Program Team would like to meet with CLCs to gain feedback for this revised model.

**The meeting has been re-scheduled for early next year – TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020 - COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM at Claisebrook Lotteries House.**

Please let Dawn Fenton know if you or someone from your CLC is interested in attending or participating by Zoom administrator@communitylegalwa.org.au.