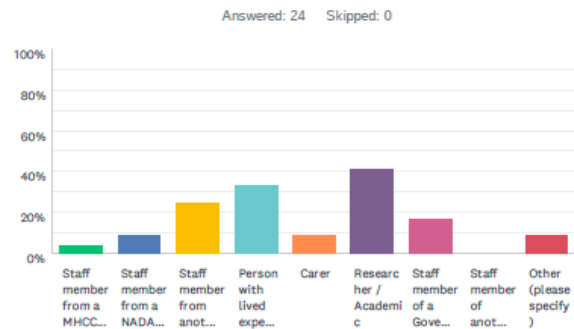


CMHDARN Annual Survey Report 2020/2021

The CMHDARN Annual Survey for 2020/2021 was conducted in August 2021 in order to allow for a new CMHDARN Coordinator to be appointed. Evaluation of the benefits and impact of the CMHDARN Network was sought through two email requests to CMHDARN members and included in the CMHDARN Connect Newsletter. While the number of respondents represent a small percentage of the CMHDARN membership, the results demonstrated that they spanned across many areas of the mental health and AOD sectors and were able to provide a rich range of responses.

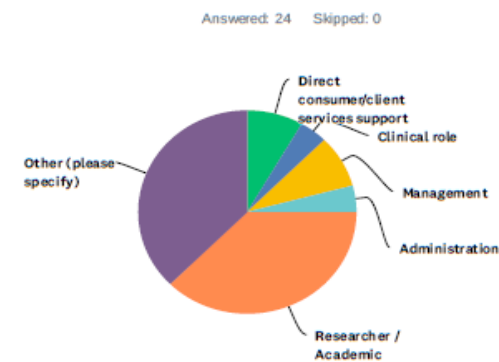
Q1 Are you a: (Select all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Staff member from a MHCC member organisation	4.17% 1
Staff member from a NADA member organisation	8.33% 2
Staff member from another CMO/NGO	25.00% 6
Person with lived experience (Consumer / Client)	33.33% 8
Carer	8.33% 2
Researcher / Academic	41.67% 10
Staff member of a Government Agency	16.67% 4
Staff member of another human service organisation/or agency (e.g. housing, employment)	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	8.33% 2
Total Respondents: 24	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Peak Body	7/27/2021 5:16 PM
2	Clinician and consultant	7/27/2021 10:59 AM

Q2 What is your current role?

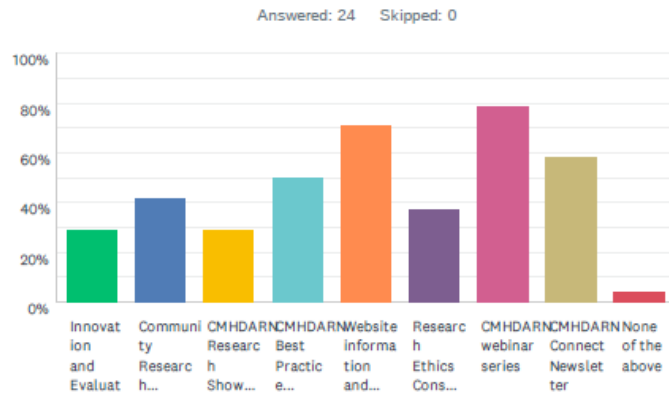


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Direct consumer/client services support	8.33% 2
Clinical role	4.17% 1
Management	8.33% 2
Administration	4.17% 1
Researcher / Academic	37.50% 9
Other (please specify)	37.50% 9
TOTAL	24

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	policy	8/9/2021 10:53 AM
2	Person with a Lived Experience and Carer Advocate	8/5/2021 12:55 AM
3	Consumer, carer, studying mental health	8/4/2021 4:26 PM
4	Policy	7/30/2021 12:18 PM
5	Support Worker	7/27/2021 11:37 PM
6	Principal Policy Advisor	7/27/2021 5:16 PM
7	Educator	7/27/2021 2:22 PM
8	PhD student	7/27/2021 1:47 PM
9	Librarian and Information Officer	7/27/2021 10:52 AM

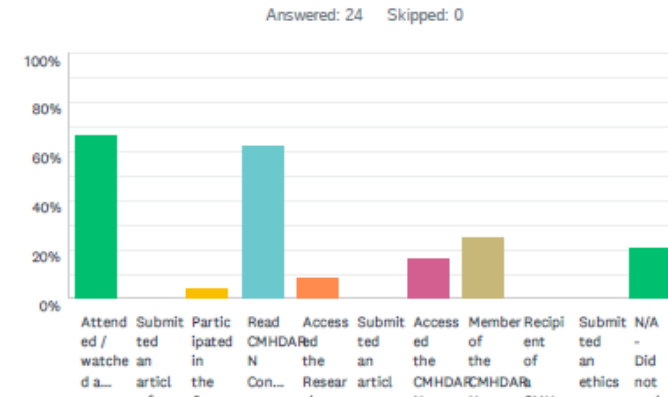
It was pleasing to note that only one respondent was unaware of any current CMHDARN activities or resources and encouraging to see that the webinar series received the most awareness with the membership in 2020/2021. The webinars were also the highest ranked in participation of the survey respondents, with the CMHDARN Connect Newsletter also quite widely accessed. The CMHDARN Best Practice Guides additionally received a large percentage of awareness.

Q3 What CMHDARN activities/resources are you aware of? (Select all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Innovation and Evaluation Grants Program	29.17%	7
Community Research Mentoring Program	41.67%	10
CMHDARN Research Showcase	29.17%	7
CMHDARN Best Practice Guides	50.00%	12
Website information and events	70.83%	17
Research Ethics Consultation Committee (RECC)	37.50%	9
CMHDARN webinar series	79.17%	19
CMHDARN Connect Newsletter	58.33%	14
None of the above	4.17%	1
Total Respondents: 24		

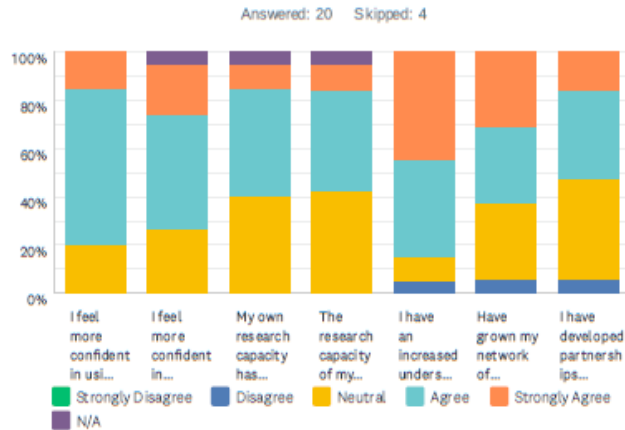
Q4 In the past 12 months, have you undertaken or participated in any CMHDARN activities (Select all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attended / watched a CMHDARN webinar	66.67%	16
Submitted an article for publication in CMHDARN Connect Newsletter	0.00%	0
Participated in the Community Research Mentoring Program	4.17%	1
Read CMHDARN Connect Newsletter	62.50%	15
Accessed the Research Showcase	8.33%	2
Submitted an article to the Research Showcase	0.00%	0
Accessed the CMHDARN Best Practice Guides	16.67%	4
Member of the CMHDARN Reference Group	25.00%	6
Recipient of a CMHDARN Innovation and Evaluation Grant	0.00%	0
Submitted an ethics application for review from the Research Ethics Consultation Committee (RECC)	0.00%	0
N/A - Did not undertake any CMHDARN activities (go to question 6)	20.83%	5
Total Respondents: 24		

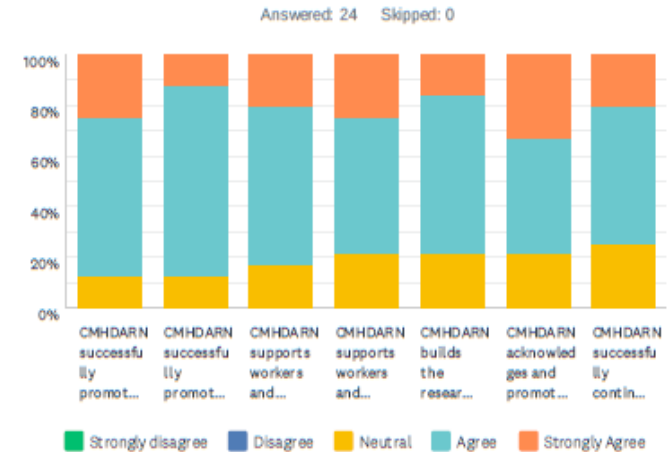
CMHDARN received predominantly positive results regarding the impact of accessing activities and its ability to fulfil the intended purposes and KPIs of the project.

Q5 As a result of accessing CMHDARN activities:



	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
I feel more confident in using research in my day-to-day work	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	65.00%	15.00%	0.00%	20	3.95
I feel more confident in undertaking practice led research	0.00%	0.00%	26.32%	47.37%	21.05%	5.26%	19	3.94
My own research capacity has improved	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	45.00%	10.00%	5.00%	20	3.68
The research capacity of my organisation has grown	0.00%	0.00%	42.11%	42.11%	10.53%	5.26%	19	3.67
I have an increased understanding of the importance of lived experience involvement and leadership in research	0.00%	5.00%	10.00%	40.00%	45.00%	0.00%	20	4.25
Have grown my network of contacts across the MHAOD sectors	0.00%	5.26%	31.58%	31.58%	31.58%	0.00%	19	3.89
I have developed partnerships across the mental health and AOD sectors	0.00%	5.26%	42.11%	36.84%	15.79%	0.00%	19	3.63

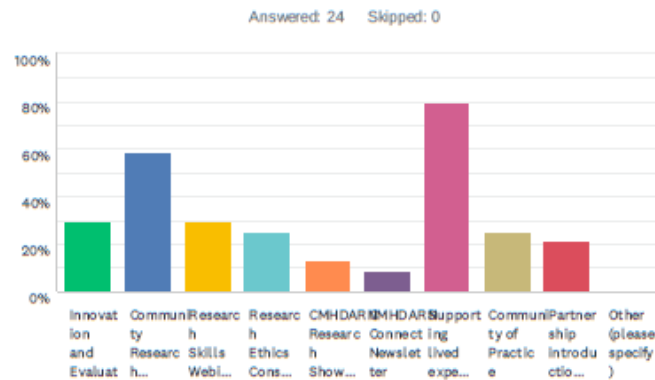
Q6 To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements?



	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL
CMHDARN successfully promotes an understanding of mental health and alcohol and other drugs issues	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	62.50%	25.00%	24
CMHDARN successfully promotes and understanding of the co-existing MHAOD difficulties	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	75.00%	12.50%	24
CMHDARN supports workers and organisations to gain confidence in using research findings in their day to day work	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	62.50%	20.83%	24
CMHDARN supports workers and organisations to obtain information to become confident in undertaking practice-led research	0.00%	0.00%	20.83%	54.17%	25.00%	24
CMHDARN builds the research capacity of individuals and/or organisations through research and knowledge exchange	0.00%	0.00%	20.83%	62.50%	16.67%	24
CMHDARN acknowledges and promotes the importance of collaboration and participation of people with lived experience in research	0.00%	0.00%	20.83%	45.83%	33.33%	24
CMHDARN successfully continued to provide activities and promote research despite the effects of COVID-19	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	54.17%	20.83%	24

In reviewing what members would like to see from CMHDARN, they expressed a strong interest in supporting lived experience and co-design in research. The Community Research Mentoring Program was additionally viewed as a priority point for CMHDARN.

Q7 What do you see as the top three priorities for CMHDARN in 2021/2022?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Innovation and Evaluation Grants	29.17% 7
Community Research Mentoring Program	58.33% 14
Research Skills Webinars	29.17% 7
Research Ethics Consultation Committee	25.00% 6
CMHDARN Research Showcase	12.50% 3
CMHDARN Connect Newsletter	8.33% 2
Supporting lived experience / co-design in research	79.17% 19
Community of Practice	25.00% 6
Partnership introductions for research activities	20.83% 5
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 24	

Q8 How do you think CMHDARN can better support practice-based research in the mental health and AOD sectors?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Repackaging existing materials to support practice-based research into smaller, more accessible chunks of information, e.g., infographics.	8/9/2021 1:28 PM
2	Establish a college of consumer researchers	8/9/2021 11:11 AM
3	Form a Consumer College where consumers can register their details to engage in research and training	7/28/2021 8:02 AM
4	Foster outcome evaluation and implementation frameworks and audit tools put into use	7/27/2021 5:16 PM
5	Work more closely with university academics to promote lived experience in research.	7/27/2021 3:33 PM
6	Continue to employ lived experience researchers	7/27/2021 1:47 PM
7	Stay focused on supporting partnerships and best clinical practice	7/27/2021 10:59 AM
8	Promote lived experience involvement	7/27/2021 10:53 AM

Q9 Comments or general feedback:

Answered: 5 Skipped: 19

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thanks.	8/9/2021 11:11 AM
2	I think the Network does a great job at keeping the two sectors connected in difficult circumstances. Wish it received more funds to invest in research grants.	7/27/2021 5:16 PM
3	Thanks for the services you provide!	7/27/2021 1:47 PM
4	Excellent resource that I have shared with others as is not as widely known about as it should be	7/27/2021 10:59 AM
5	Really great research presentation webinars. I have learnt a lot which has empowered me to do my work better in supporting the AOD community.	7/27/2021 10:52 AM