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# **Sector Response to COVID-19**

**SESSION FOCUS:**

**WORKFORCE**



**WAAMH**

**Western Australian Association  
for Mental Health**

**In Collaboration with the Mental Health Commission**

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# THE TECH

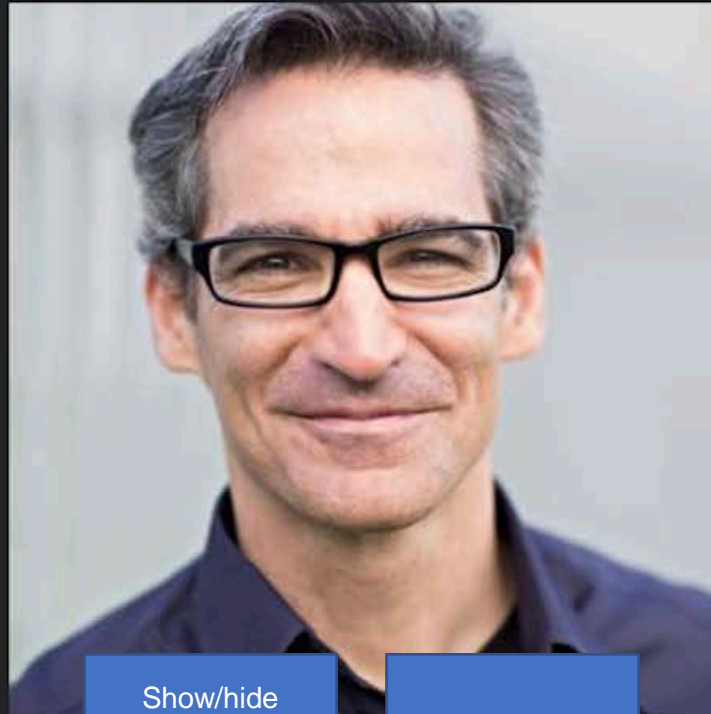




Participants (1)



Joel Levin (me)



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Claim Host



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Chat to all or  
one person

Joel Levin



Mute



Start Video



Invite



Participants 1



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Reactions

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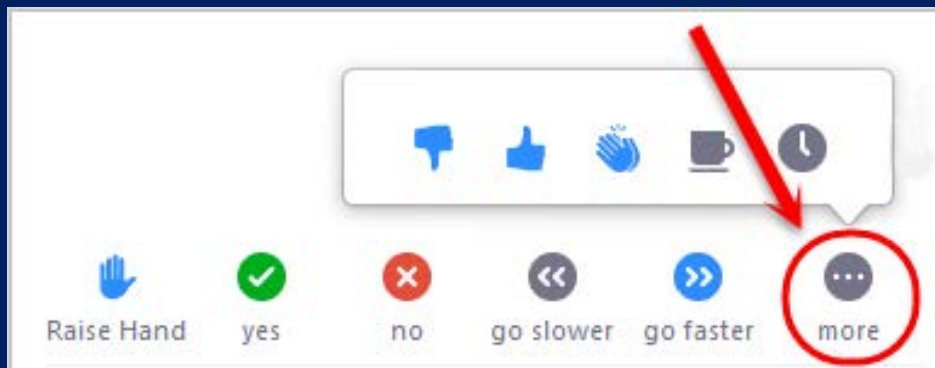
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(3) Turn off emails and other things that go 'ping'



(4) Things take a little longer – lets work together



(5) Use online 'non-verbal' signals

# CRISIS CONSULTATION

## **(1) BE GENEROUS**

The shock and uncertainty is real for everyone – manage yourself so you don't add to people's distress.

## **(2) FOCUS ON WHAT IS NEEDED**

There will be time for post-mortems but right now we need to look forward

## **(3) DON'T LET PERFECT BE THE ENEMY OF GOOD**

There is and will be messiness in the consultation and responses elements. We need to get it right, but it may not be perfect.

## **(4) PUT YOUR EXPERINCE INTO A SECTOR-WIDE CONTEXT**

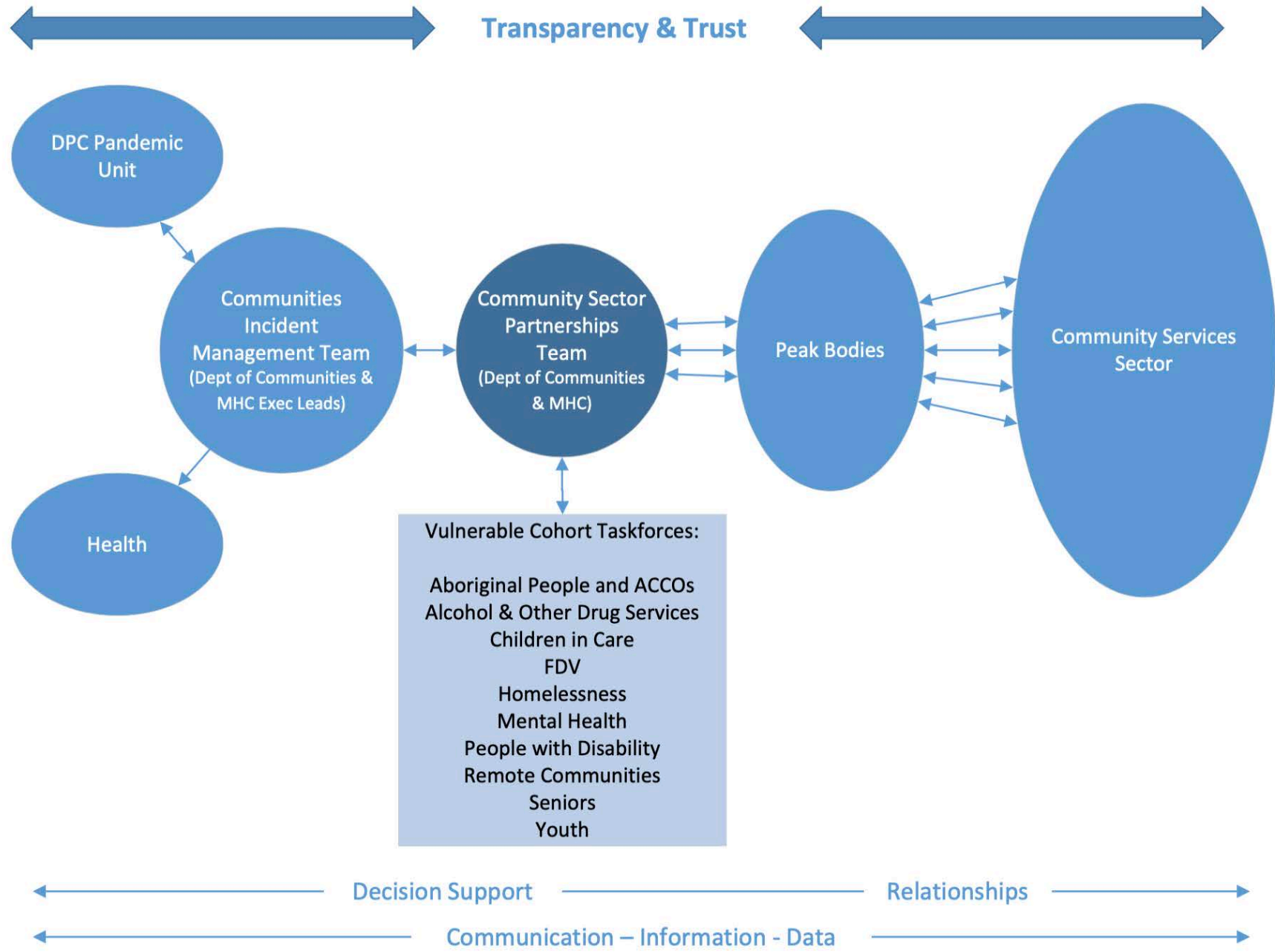
Everyone brings something unique and needed. How can that contribute to sector wide thinking?

# Setting the Scene



## Mental Health Commission

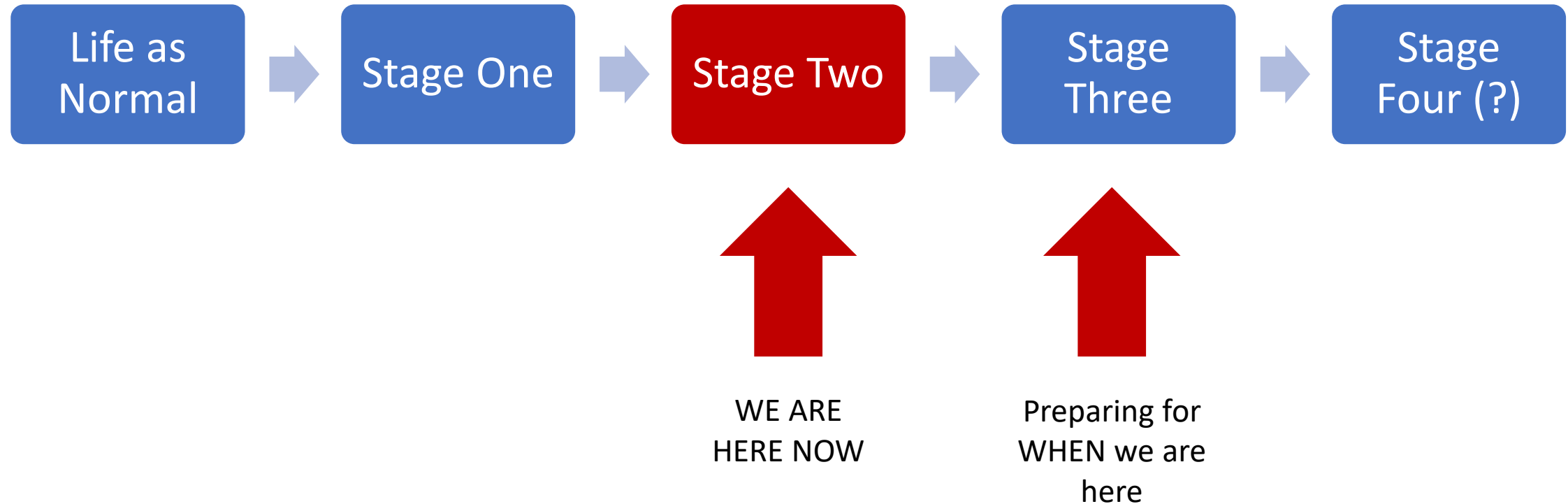








# COVID-19 Context





# Is the Sector an essential service?

Current Understanding

**Any service provider working with people who are vulnerable and would not be able to meet their own needs (activities of daily living) without support, cannot meet their basic needs of food, shelter and safety and prevent people from escalating into emergency departments falls into a “critical service”. This includes those in residential and non-residential services, food security and financial counselling.**

This applies to:

- Aboriginal people who utilise community service supports
- People who are homelessness includes couch surfing
- **People with severe and persistent mental health and drug and alcohol issues**
- Women and children escaping domestic violence
- Seniors
- Children in out of home care
- People (adults and children) with disability
- Residential services for all the above
- Remote Communities
- People experiencing poverty

Source:

Community Sector Partnerships Team



# Decision Making Principles

# GOALS



- GOAL 1 - Support staff and reduce attrition
- GOAL 2 - Build the capacity of the Sector to respond to more complex cases
- GOAL 3 - Streamline recruitment and HR process
- GOAL 4 - Source additional staff to maintain service provision
- GOAL 5 - Maintain quality and standard of services



# Session Purpose

## What is needed to develop a sector-wide response to achieve each goal?

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# Next Step

Contact Chelsea with further comments: [cmckinney@waamh.org.au](mailto:cmckinney@waamh.org.au)

# thank you



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