



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting.

December 2018 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on Friday 14 December 2018, in Perth.

The December Board meeting included a joint session with the full WACHS Executive, providing an opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months and have a productive discussion on the WACHS strategic plan priorities. The Board expressed its gratitude on behalf of all WA country people for the dedication and commitment of all WACHS staff, and noted the significant contributions made by so many throughout a very busy year. The Board also paid tribute to the excellent leadership from the Chief Executive Mr. Jeff Moffet and all the Executive team as well.

The Board held an extraordinary meeting on the 5 December 2018 to review and discuss in detail the Bunbury Health Campus master plan and the draft business case prepared for the redevelopment of the public hospital facility.

During the meeting the Board received reports from the Audit and Risk Committee, Finance Committee and Safety and Quality Committee meetings, which were held on the 4, 10 and 11 of December respectively.

Attendance

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair)
Ms. Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)
Dr Kim Isaacs
Mr. Michael Hardy
Ms. Kelly Howlett

Dr Daniel Heredia
Ms. Mary Anne Stephens
Mr. Alan Ferris
Dr Diane Mohen
Ms. Meredith Waters

Apologies – Nil

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet CE

Key Matters for Decision

- Reviewed and endorsed the submission of fourteen business cases for consideration as part of the 2019/20 budget process.
- The Board endorsed the Bunbury Health Campus master plan and draft redevelopment business case for submission and consideration under the 2019/20 budget.
- The Board supported adopting a consistent fee structure for aged care beds and respite in residential care facilities and the submission of an application to the Department of Health for a review of the WA Health Fees and Charges Manual to reflect applicable fees for residential aged care beds.

Key Matters for Discussion

- The Chief Executive's report provided an update on monthly performance, projections and key developments within WACHS over the past month including;
 - An overview was provided on the public feedback and submissions on the WA Country Ambulance Strategy report that was released for consultation on the 28 September 2018.
 - The transition of operations at the recently completed new Onslow Health Service facility.
 - A briefing on issues raised by local GP Obstetricians in Kalgoorlie regarding the obstetric service cover at the Kalgoorlie Health Campus.
- Discussion was held on the refinement of the draft WACHS Strategic Plan for further discussions with the WACHS Executive and review against the Sustainable Health Review recommendations, when released in 2019.
- Discussion was held on mental health services.

Summary of Items for Noting

- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
 - Safety, Quality and Clinical Performance Monthly Dashboard Report
 - Workforce Assurance and Compliance Monthly Dashboard Report
 - Finance and Resources Monthly Dashboard.
 - Audit and Risk Report (November 2018)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (November 2018)
 - Quarterly 2018/18 Safety and Quality Report Quarter 1
 - Quarterly Public Confidence and Reputational Risk Report
- General Items for noting included:
 - Health and Disability Services Complaints Office (HaDSCO) WACHS 2017-18 Report Card
 - Royal Commission into Aged Care – Letter inviting submissions
 - Summary review of Clinical Senate

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Jurien Bay as part of two day regional engagement visit to the North Western Wheatbelt district on the 21 and 22 February 2019.

Professor Neale Fong
Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
21 December 2018