



## **Communiqué**      **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

### **November Board Meeting**

The Board Meeting was part of a two-day engagement visit to the Mid-West spanning Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November where Board members visited Geraldton, Northampton and Dongara health facilities and met with regional stakeholders and staff.

The Board attended the opening of the new Midwest Cancer Centre and Gaburdiny Renal Facility in Geraldton on 24 November. They also participated in the WACHS Midwest Health Region's Quality and Safety Awards and issuing of Long Service Certificates to staff.

The Board Meeting was held on Thursday 24 November at the Geraldton Health Campus. The Board received reports from the latest Finance Working Group meeting which was held on Monday 20 November and the Board Audit and Risk Working Group which met on Friday 18 November.

### **Attendance**

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| Dr Neale Fong (Chair)                   | Mr Joshua Nisbet      |
| Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)          | Mr Alan Ferris        |
| Mr Michael Hardy (via video conference) | Ms Mary Anne Stephens |
| Dr Kim Isaacs                           | Ms Meredith Waters    |

Apology was received from Dr Daniel Heredia

### **Key Matters for Decision**

- The Board's response to the Minister for Health's, Ministerial Statement of Expectations for the WACHS Board.
- s40 *Financial Management Act 2006* – WACHS Annual Estimates for 2016/17.
- WACHS Internal Audit Charter.
- WACHS Internal Audit Plan 2016/17.

### **Key Matters for Discussion**

- Chief Executive Officer Report offering a high level overview of monthly performance within WACHS.
- The Board acknowledged and congratulated the eight finalists and two category winners from WACHS at the Health Excellence Awards. The State Trachoma Program managed by WACHS Goldfields won Category 4 – Achieving better outcomes for Aboriginal people and the Great Southern 'Easy Movers' program won Category 8 - Promoting healthy habits and preventing illness and injury.
- Cancer services in the bush
- Turquoise Coast Business Case



- Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI) 2 Business Case
- Country Ambulance Strategy - Scope

### **Summary of Items for Noting**

- Clinical Senate – Clinician Engagement in the Brave New World – Health Service Boards – 2 September 2016.
- Own Source Revenue briefing paper.
- Update on WACHS Published Bed Numbers.
- Country WA Primary Health Network – Needs Assessment 2016-17
- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
  - Health Service Performance Report (September and draft October reports)
  - Finance and FTE Report (October)
  - Audit and Risk Report (October)
  - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (October)

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Friday 16 December 2016 in Perth.

Dr Neale Fong

***Chair, WA Country Health Service Board***

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