



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

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

### **December 2017 Board Meeting**

The Board Meeting was held on Friday 15 December 2017, and included a joint meeting with the WACHS Executive to reflect on the accomplishments over the past twelve months and to discuss areas for future focus during 2018.

At the joint meeting, Dr Christine Dennis, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) presented the Board with the Corporate EQuIP National Accreditation Certification that WACHS had achieved during the year. WACHS received a positive report following a rigorous assessment by a national panel of reviewers against the 10 National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards and five EQuIP Corporate Standards, which is affirmation of WACHS's commitment to safety and quality standards.

### **Attendance**

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair)

Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)

Mr Alan Ferris

Dr Kim Isaacs

Ms Mary Anne Stephens

Mr Joshua Nisbet

Ms Meredith Waters

Dr Daniel Heredia

Mr Michael Hardy

Apology – Nil

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet, CE

### **Key Matters for Decision**

- The Board's response and 'statement of intent' to the Minister for Health's letter and statement of expectation for the WACHS Board was endorsed and is to be published on the WACHS website.
- Feedback and endorsement was provided on the Geraldton Health Campus Redevelopment business case.
- Development of internal capacity in WACHS to lead innovation, research and digital development across WACHS was supported.

### • **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.
- The Board received a briefing and discussed the provision and renewal of contracted renal services in the South West region.
- Progress was noted on the development of a WACHS staff engagement strategy.
- The Board reviewed and provided feedback on the draft report provided by Ernst Young (EY) to support the WA Country Ambulance Strategy.

### **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
- Health Service Performance Report (November 2017)
- Audit and Risk Report (December 2017)
- Key Projects and Initiatives Report (December 2017)
- Capital Infrastructure Report (December 2017).

General Items for noting included:

- WA Government election commitments update summary.
- Bunbury Health Campus – WEAT Performance Update.
- WA State Government – Services Priority Report.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Esperance as part of a two day regional engagement visit on the 22 and 23 February 2018.

Professor Neale Fong

***Chair, WA Country Health Service Board  
December 2017***

Dr Christine Dennis, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards presenting the ACHS Accreditation Certification to Professor Neale Fong, WACHS Board Chairman.

