



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

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

### **November 2017 Board Meeting**

The Board Meeting was held on Friday 24 November 2017, at the WA Country Health Service central office, 189 Wellington St Perth.

The Board congratulated the winners from WACHS at the recent 2017 WA Health Excellence awards and received a presentation on the Diabetes Telehealth Program, which was a category winner and took out the overall Director General's Award.

### **Attendance**

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair)	Mr Joshua Nisbet
Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)	Ms Meredith Waters
Mr Alan Ferris	Dr Daniel Heredia
Dr Kim Isaacs	Mr Michael Hardy

Apology – Ms Mary Anne Stephens

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet, CE

### **Key Matters for Decision**

- The WA Country Health Service Cancer Strategy 2017–22 was reviewed and endorsed
- The response to the findings from the Ministerial Inquiry into sponsored travel and gifts relating to WACHS was endorsed
- In principle support was provided for WACHS to register interest to be included as part of a stage 2 submission for Commonwealth cooperative research centre (CRC) grants for the Digital Health CRC, for collaborative research and development initiatives as identified by WACHS.

### **Key Matters for Discussion**

- The Chief Executive's report provided an update on monthly performance, projections and key developments within WACHS
- The Board received a brief and discussed the analysis undertaken on SAC1 events and deaths involving country mental health patients
- The Board reviewed the financial breakdown and allocations to extend a number of programs under the Southern Inland Health Initiatives, in line with government budget allocation
- The Board reviewed the outcomes and actions taken following a gateway review of the community health information system (CHIS) project
- The cost plans for options being included in the Geraldton Health Campus redevelopment business case were reviewed and supported.

### **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 (October 2017)
- Finance and FTE Report (October 2017)
- Audit and Risk Report (November 2017)
- Key Projects and Initiatives Report (November 2017)
- Capital Infrastructure Report (November 2017).
- General Items for noting included:
  - Chief Psychiatrist's standards review of WACHS and WACHS action plan.
  - Final WACHS submission to the Sustainable Health Review.
  - The Board received reports from the Audit and Risk Committee and the Finance Committee which met on 13 and 20 November respectively.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Perth on the 15 December 2017 and will include a joint session with the WACHS Executive.

Professor Neale Fong

**Chair, WA Country Health Service Board**

**1 December 2017**



***An Australia-first program using telehealth to deliver diabetes education in regional WA, took out the Director General's Award at the 2017 WA Health Excellence Awards.***