



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

July 2018 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on Friday 27 July 2018, in Perth. The Board acknowledged Mr Joshua Nisbet, retiring Board member for his contribution over the past two years and welcomed two new Board members, Dr Diane Mohen and Ms Kelly Howlett. The WACHS Board is strongly representative of the communities it serves, with half of the Board now comprised of members who live and work in country Western Australia, and more than half of the WACHS Board members being female.

The Minister for Health attended part of the meeting, which included discussion on the Sustainable Health Review, safety of health service staff in the workplace, access to tertiary level health services by country patients, aged care services, regional commissioning pilot in the Kimberley, country ambulance services and health service infrastructure projects. This provided an opportunity for the Board to discuss with the Minister current issues in country health care and key priorities for the Board.



The Board received reports from the Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee meetings which were held on the 16 and 23 July respectively.

Attendance

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair)
Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)
Mr Alan Ferris
Dr Kim Isaacs
Ms Mary Anne Stephens

Mr Michael Hardy
Dr Diane Mohen
Ms Kelly Howlett
Ms Meredith Waters
Dr Daniel Heredia

Apology – Nil

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet, CE

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board discussed the development of a WACHS Strategic Plan and endorsed establishment and terms of reference for a Board Strategic Plan Sub Committee to oversee the development of the plan.
- The Board considered a draft WACHS Digital Strategy and supported progressing development of the strategy and the priority initiatives.



- **Key Matters for Discussion**

- The Board was briefed on the development of the WACHS 2017/18 Annual Report and the discussions with the Office of the Auditor General in relation to correcting elective surgery waitlist data previously reported
- The Chief Executive's report provided an update on monthly performance, projections and key developments within WACHS over the past month;
- The Board was briefed and discussed service coordination for vulnerable and at risk children accessing health services
- The Board held a workshop, led by the Nous Group as part of the WACHS strategic plan development.
- A brief was provided to the Board on public holiday and TOIL payments.
- The Board was briefed by Board member Wendy Newman on her visit to the Hume Sub-Region in Victoria and the Alpine Health Service.

- **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.
 - Health Service Performance Report (June 2018)
 - Quarterly Workforce Report – Quarter 4 2017/18
 - Audit and Risk Report (July 2018)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (July 2018)
 - Capital Infrastructure Report (July 2018).
- General Items for noting included:
 - DHAC Chairs 2018 Forum Report
 - Annual Attestation Statement against Internal Audit Policy
 - WA State Election Commitments – Update

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Carnarvon as part of a two day regional engagement visit on the 23 and 24 August 2018.

Professor Neale Fong
Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
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