



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's 26 July meeting.

July 2019 Board Meeting

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board held its 26 July 2019 Board meeting in Perth at WACHS Central Office. The meeting included two information presentations, one relating to country dental health services and one outlining the structures and processes associated with Commonwealth and State relations and engagement.

At the completion of the meeting the Board attended a presentation at the WACHS Command Centre, which demonstrated the capabilities and systems currently in use and a number of programs in pilot stage or under development.

The Board congratulated the command centre team on the considerable progress and enhanced capability achieved in a relatively short period of time. The Board was pleased with the impact the associated system improvements were having in transforming health care delivery and supporting front line clinicians in country WA.

During the meeting the Board received reports from the Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee meetings which were held on the 16 and 22 of July respectively.



Kylie Bosich Command Centre Director, demonstrating the program viewing screens.

Attendance

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

Dr Diane Mohen
Ms. Meredith Waters
Dr Kim Isaacs
Ms. Kelly Howlett
Mr. Michael Hardy

Apologies – Nil

In Attendance – Mr. Jeff Moffet Chief Executive.

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board endorsed the Annual 2018/19 WACHS Board Attestation Statement.

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 an update and discussed the implementation planning being led by the Department Health on the Sustainable Health Review recommendations.
- The Board discussed the results from the Minister for Health 'Your Voice in Health' Survey and discussed next steps and the need for further detailed complex analysis of the results at regional and site basis to identify and understand the issues within the results.

- The Board examined initial analysis of trends in agency nurse usage and referred this matter to the Finance Committee for further analysis.
- The Board was briefed on the key issues and themes from the Minister for Health’s “Stop the Violence” Summit held in June 2019.

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
 - Quarterly Workforce Report (Qtr. 4 2018/19)
 - Finance and Resources Monthly Board Dashboard
 - Health Service Performance Report (June 2019)
 - Audit and Risk Report (June 2019)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (June 2019)
 - Capital works infrastructure report
- General Items for noting included:
 - Public Sector Commissioner’s Instruction 23 (CI 23) Conversion of fixed term contracts – update.
 - WACHS Regional stakeholder engagement feedback survey report and update
 - Healthy Options Food and Nutrition Policy – Compliance Report
 - Office of the Auditor General follow-up audit on Delivering Western Australia’s Ambulance Services. - WACHS response to audit findings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Newman on 23 August 2019, as part of a two day regional engagement program.

Professor Neale Fong

Chair, WA Country Health Service Board

1 August 2019



Prof Fong, Board Chair is shown some of the equipment being trialed to allow close up examination of patients remotely