



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's regional engagement meetings in the Wheatbelt Region's north western area.

3 May 2019 Board Meeting

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board travelled to the Kimberley on the 1 to 3 May, meeting with staff and stakeholder at the Noonkanbah Clinic located in the Yungngora Community, Fitzroy Valley Health Service, Fitzroy Crossing Renal Hostel and Derby Health Service. While in Fitzroy Crossing meetings were held with representatives from Nindilingarri Cultural Health Service and Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre. In Derby the Board met with the Derby Aboriginal Medical Service.

These are important meetings for the Board members, providing an opportunity to meet directly with staff and local stakeholders regarding their priorities and key issues for the local health services. The Board recognises the challenges in delivering safe and reliable health



WACHS Board members and Yungngora Community council members.

services across conditions as experienced in the Kimberley. It is rewarding to meet with the dedicated staff and stakeholders that do such excellent work in meeting the health needs of their communities.

In Derby and Fitzroy Crossing, the local WACHS health service operate the ambulance service and the Board met with the staff that provide



Board and community members outside the new Fitzroy Crossing Renal Hostel

this critical service, which regularly involves driving long distances on unsealed roads to attend to emergency situations.

Thank you to Bec Smith Regional Director Kimberley and her team for hosting the Board in the Kimberley and for organising an informative and interactive program.

The Board meeting was held in Derby on Friday the 3 May 2019.

Attendance

Ms. Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)
Mr. Michael Hardy (via VC)
Mr. Alan Ferris
Dr Daniel Heredia (via VC)

Ms. Mary Anne Stephens
Dr Diane Mohen
Ms. Meredith Waters

Apologies – Dr Kim Isaacs, Ms. Kelly Howlett, Prof. Neale Fong

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet CE

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board reviewed and endorsed the draft WACHS Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019 – 2024 for wider external consultation;
- Revisions to the WACHS Authorisation schedule were endorsed;
- The final version of the WACHS Digital Strategy was endorsed, with a review and refinement to be undertaken in twelve months.

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 final report and recommendations of the Sustainable Health Review was a focal discussion with implementation of recommendations relating to country WA a lead issue for the Board.
- The outcomes of the final evaluation of the Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI), were reviewed, which highlighted a number of positive clinical outcomes had been achieved.
- The Board discussed the establishment of a set of principles to guide the development of a small community hospital strategy that will provide clarity on service profiles, allowing for flexibility in the delivery of services in smaller communities to be jointly developed with each community;
- The board discussed examining and aligning structures to enable greater regional services integration to deliver more people and community centred care. The concept was supported for further development.

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 Board Dashboard
 - Health Service Performance Report (March 2018)
 - Audit and Risk Report (April 2019)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (April 2019)
 - Quarterly WACHS Workforce Dashboard (Qtr 3)
- General Items for noting included:
 - Minister for Health's Staff Engagement Survey – WACHS Context summary.
 - Ministerial Review of the State Industrial Relations System – Final Report summary and preliminary assessment.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Perth on 24 May 2019.

Professor Neale Fong

Chair, WA Country Health Service Board

14 May 2019