



Communiqué WA Country Health Service Board

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

22 November 2019

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board meeting was held in Perth on Friday 22 November 2019 at WACHS Central Office.

This meeting included discussion of a number of Business Cases presented to the Board for in principle endorsement, subject to the formal tabling at the respective Finance Committee and Board meetings in December. The Board reviewed and discussed Business Cases including Bunbury Capital Redevelopment, Command Centre Expansion and Development, Ambulance Strategy Implementation, Syphilis Prevention, Screening and Treatment, and Mental Health Service Delivery in the Wheatbelt.

During the meeting, the Board also received reports from the Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee meetings which were held on 12 and 18 November 2019 respectively.

Attendance

Dr. Neale Fong (Chair)

Ms. Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)

Mr. Alan Ferris

Dr. Kim Isaacs (via VC)

Ms. Kelly Howlett

Ms. Mary Anne Stephens

Dr. Diane Mohen

Ms. Meredith Waters

Apologies

Dr. Daniel Heredia

In Attendance

Mr. Jeffrey Moffet (Chief Executive)

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board provided in principle endorsement on a number of Business Cases for progression to the Department of Health.

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 2020 meeting schedules for the Board, Audit and Risk Committee, and the Safety and Quality Committee were endorsed.
- The Board received a briefing on the actions taken by WACHS in response to the alleged corruption case at the Department of Communities, along with an update on actions taken in response to the previous North Metropolitan Health Service case and the next planned actions to occur.
- The WACHS People and Discussion paper was discussed, along with the next steps required to support and establish a People and Culture function within WACHS.
- The Board Chair provided an overview of a meeting with Better Health North Queensland in Townsville to establish a North Australian network.

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 Report
 - Audit and Risk Report (October 2019)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (October 2019).
 - 2019-20 Quarter 1 Safety and Quality Report
- General items for noting included:
 - PathWest Facilities Services Agreement and Service Level Agreements 2019-2021
 - Royal Commission into Aged Care Interim Report

- Response to Direction requiring Compliance with State Government Decisions on Contractual Arrangements

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Perth on 13 December 2019.

Dr Neale Fong
Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
2 December 2019