



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

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's visit and meeting in Port Hedland.

### **June 2018 Board Meeting**

The Board meeting was part of a two day regional engagement visit to Port Hedland. The visit commenced with the Board meeting on Thursday the 21 June, followed by a stakeholder engagement meeting with a number of local and regional service partners and stakeholders.

In the afternoon the Board visited the Yaandina Turner River Residential Rehabilitation Centre, which provides valuable support and accommodation for people recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. The Board also visited, Wirraka Maya Aboriginal Medical Service and met with the CEO and staff to hear about their planned developments and services. It was reassuring to hear that there was strong collaboration and partnerships between Wirraka Maya, WACHS Pilbara Region and other services providers in the region.

On the 22 June the Board held a number of meetings with the regional executive staff, senior clinicians and the local District Health Advisory Council to hear about and discuss the achievements and new initiatives. One of the topics discussed was the planning and preparations being made to transition to the new Karratha Health Campus later in the year.



The Board finished the visit with a tour of the Port Hedland Health Campus. During the visit Board members also participated in promoting Telehealth awareness week.

The Board wished to thank Margi Faulkner, Regional Director and the Pilbara health regional and hospital staff for organizing the visit and hosting the Board in Port Hedland.

### **Attendance**

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

Mr Joshua Nisbet  
Ms Meredith Waters  
Dr Daniel Heredia  
Mr Michael Hardy (Via VC)

Apology – Nil

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet, CE

### **Key Matters for Decision**

- WACHS 2018/19 Service Agreement with the Department of Health endorsed;
- WACHS 2018/19 Service Agreement with the Mental Health Commission endorsed;



- The transition arrangements for WACHS Home and Community Care (HACC) services to the new Commonwealth Home Support Program were supported;
  - WACHS draft Kidney Health Strategy 2018/2023, was supported for release for wider consultation;
  - WACHS 2015/16 Legacy Debt Write Off schedule was endorsed;
  - 2018/19 annual audit plan was endorsed.
- **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 a briefing and discussed the governance and supervision of doctors in training in country sites
    - The Board discussed the Section 19 (2) exemption relating to Medicare billing for primary care services delivered from country hospitals and opportunities for exemption.
    - The board considered a concept paper for the proposed development of a clinical coordination capacity to provide collaborative support for staff in managing complex and high risk patients, coordination of patient transfers and remote monitoring capability for ICU/HDU patients.
    - Discussion was held on the outcomes and findings of an Office of the Auditor General's audit of elective surgery waitlist data at Albany Health Campus.

#### **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 (May 2018)
  - Finance and FTE Report (May 2018)
  - Audit and Risk Report (May 2018)
  - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (June 2018)
  - Capital Infrastructure Report (May 2018).
  - Quarterly WACHS Workforce Dashboard. Quarter 3 2017/18
  - Safety and Quality Quarterly Report Quarter 3 2017/18
- General Items for noting included:
  - Telehealth awareness week commencing on the 27 June 2018.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Perth on 27 July 2018.

Professor Neale Fong  
**Chair, WA Country Health Service Board**  
**29 June 2018**