



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

October 2018 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on Friday 26 October 2018, in Perth.

A highlight for the Board this month was the official opening of the new \$207.15 million Karratha Health Campus by the Premier Mark McGowan on the 24 October 2018. This project is the biggest investment ever made in a regional hospital in Western Australia.

During the meeting the Board received reports from the Safety and Quality Committee, Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee meetings which were held on the 9, 16 and 22 of October respectively.



Karratha Health Campus plaque unveiling

Attendance

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair)
Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)
Dr Kim Isaacs (via VC)
Mr Michael Hardy
Dr Diane Mohen
Ms Kelly Howlett

Ms Meredith Waters
Dr Daniel Heredia
Ms Mary Anne Stephens

Apology - Mr Alan Ferris
In Attendance –Jeff Moffet CE

Key Matters for Decision

- Supported plans to establish core capability within WACHS and to the development of partnerships with research bodies to influence and drive relevant research within country WA.
- The Board supported progressing with the WACHS command centre services as a digital strategy priority and leveraging the Emergency Telehealth Service capability.
- Supported the WACHS Aboriginal Health Strategy for wider consultation and refinement.

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 including;
 - The Minister for Health's release of the WA Country Ambulance Strategy report for consultation on the 28 September 2018. Public feedback and submissions will be open until 10 December 2018.



- WA Country Health Service's Annual Report 2017-18 was tabled in Parliament on Wednesday 10th October 2018.
- Meningococcal W (MenW) cases reported in the Midwest region
- The Board discussed a letter received from the Minister for Health relating to continued government focus on WEAT and WEST performance and a request for advice on strategies to improve performance. WACHS has performed strongly against these targets, however the Board agreed to a review of current action plans and strategies to ensure continued and sustained performance.
- The forecast full year financial position was discussed with the Board agreeing to write to the System Manager to discuss budget pressures relating to non-activity based funding elements of WACHS's service agreement.
- Discussion was held on the positive engagement and constructive feedback from staff and stakeholders in relation to the development of the WACHS Strategic Plan. The Board will hold further discussions on the vision and strategic priorities at future meetings.
- A report was tabled on an independent review of the mental health services at Kalgoorlie and the Board supported engaging with the Mental Health Commission and System Manager on the reports recommendation.
- **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 (September 2018)
 - Audit and Risk Report (October 2018)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (October 2018)
 - Capital Infrastructure Report (October 2018)
 - General Items for noting included:
 - Mental Health Governance Review Terms of Reference
 - CCC Presentation of Fraud and Corruption
- **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Manjimup as part of two day regional engagement visit to the inland south west district on the 22 and 23 November 2018.

Professor Neale Fong
Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
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