



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

September 2018 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on Friday 28 September 2018, in Perth.

The Board received reports from the Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee meetings which were held on the 10 and 21 of September respectively. The Safety and Quality Committee did not meet in September.

Attendance

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair) (via VC)	Dr Diane Mohen
Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)	Ms Kelly Howlett
Mr Alan Ferris	Ms Meredith Waters
Dr Kim Isaacs (via VC)	Dr Daniel Heredia
Mr Michael Hardy	
Apology – Ms Mary Anne Stephens and Jeff Moffet, CE	

In Attendance – Margaret Denton A/CE

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board noted the unqualified annual audit opinion received from the Auditor General and endorsed the WACHS 2017/18 annual report for submission to the Minister for Health for tabling in State Parliament.
- The Board's 'Statement of Intent' in response to the Minister for Health's letter outlining his expectations of the Board was endorsed.
- The annual WACHS performance reports against the 2017/18 service agreements with the Department of Health and Mental Health Commission were reviewed and endorsed.
- The governance structure to oversee the next phase in the development of the WA Country Ambulance Strategy was approved.
- The WACHS Board meeting schedule for 2019 and the regional engagement locations were endorsed.
- The purchase of a property in Northam for the establishment of a cancer hostel 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, including;
 - the successful commissioning and opening of the new Karratha Health Campus; and
 - the achievement of ACHS accreditation by the Pilbara region for three years and the ACHS accreditation surveys in the Kimberley and Goldfields regions, where the final results are pending.
- The Board discussed the progress on regional engagement with staff and stakeholders on the development of the WACHS strategic plan.
- Discussion was held on the WACHS action plan in relation to potential fraud and corruption risks.



- A draft WACHS services prospectus aimed at providing an easy to understand overview of WACHS operations was reviewed and discussed.
- Discussion was held on the Board's risk appetite statement.
- The Board discussed the use of revenue received through Medicare billing at sites that hold Section 19(2) exemptions from the Health Insurance Act 1973, to enhance local primary care and mental health services.
- **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 (August 2018)
 - Audit and Risk Report (September 2018)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (September 2018)
 - Capital Infrastructure Report (September 2018)
 - Quarterly Public Confidence and Reputational Risk Report
 - General Items for noting included:
 - OAG Annual Audit for 2017/18 – Exit Brief
 - Update on medical workforce compliance review.
 - Summary of the nine WACHS finalist in the 2018 WA Health Excellence Awards.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Perth on the 26 October 2018.

Professor Neale Fong
Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
04 October 2018