



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's 24 May meeting.

May 2019 Board Meeting

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board held its 24 May 2019 Board meeting in Perth at WACHS Central Office. The meeting included a presentation and discussions with Mr Malcolm McCusker, Dr Simon Towler and Professor Kirsten Auret from **the** Ministerial Expert Panel on Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation. This provided an opportunity for the WACHS Board to discuss potential country health service and implementation issues directly with representatives from the Expert Panel.

During the meeting the Board received reports from the Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee meetings, which were held on the 14 and 20 of May respectively.

Attendance

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

Dr Diane Mohen
Ms. Meredith Waters
Dr Kim Isaacs
Ms. Kelly Howlett
Mr. Michael Hardy

Apologies – Nil

In Attendance – Mr Jeff Moffet Chief Executive.

Key Matters for Decision

- Nil this meeting

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 discussed the finalisation of the WACHS Strategic Plan and the alignment with the Sustainable Health Review recommendations and implementation. This will be key focus for the Board.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the preliminary results from the Minister for Health 'Your Voice in Health' Survey.
- A briefing was provided to the Board on the 2019/20 State and Federal budgets in relation to allocations for country health services in WA. A briefing was also provided on provisions and budget issues in the latest WACHS and Department of Health draft 2019/20 Service Agreement.
- An update was provided to the Board on adjustments to prior reportable FBT declarations.
- The Board received a presentation and discussed child development services in the Fitzroy Valley and the opportunities for service 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 (April 2019)
- Audit and Risk Report (April 2019)
- Key Projects and Initiatives Report (April 2019)
- Capital works infrastructure report
- Quarterly WACHS Workforce Dashboard report (Quarter 3).
- General Items for noting included:
 - Freedom of Information legislation changes – proposal by East Metropolitan Health Service.
 - Mental Health Commission and WACHS Service agreement Deed of Variation 2018/19

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Bunbury in the South West on 28 June 2019.

Professor Neale Fong

Chair, WA Country Health Service Board

3 June 2019