



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's 29 March meeting.

March 2019 Board Meeting

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board held its 29 March 2019 Board meeting at the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) premises at Jandakot airport. RFDS is a major service partner of WACHS and holding the meeting at their site provided an opportunity for the Board members to gain an insight into the logistics and operations of delivering aeromedical retrieval services across a vast state like WA. The Board also met with Ms Rebecca Tomkinson CEO and Mr Sam Walsh AO Board Chair from RFDS.



WACHS CE and WACHS Board members inspect the inside of the new RFDS jet

Attendance

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair) (via VC)
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

Apologies – Mr. Michael Hardy

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet CE and Ms Marg Denton A/Chief Operations Officer.

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board endorsed signing the WACHS Safety and Quality Attestation statement against the National Safety and Quality Health Services standards (second edition).
- The revised terms of reference for the Board Audit and Risk Committee were endorsed.
- The Board endorsed the final version of the WACHS Research Strategy.
- The revised WA Country Ambulance Strategy following the public consultation was approved to be progressed to the Department of Health and Minister for Health.
- A proposal to enhance WACHS capability to deliver more medical training and education places was supported in principle.

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 analysis and development of a submission on the implementation of the End of Life and Palliative Care report recommendations relating to WA country services was discussed and the approach supported by the Board;
- A draft Prospectus providing an overview of WACHS was discussed and revised;
- The transition strategy for the operation of the Elizabeth Hansen Autumn Centre (hostel) to transfer from Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service to WACHS was discussed and the overall plan was supported by the Board with a further briefing to be provided within twelve months;
- The Board was briefed and discussed a draft WA Mental Health, Alcohol and other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025 – Updated 2018.
- Discussion was held on a draft submission to the Clinical Governance of Public Mental Health Services in Western Australia (the Chapman Review).

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 (February 2019)
 - Audit and Risk Report (March 2019)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (March 2019)
 - Capital works infrastructure report
 - Quarterly Audit and Risk Committee report to December 2018.
- General Items for noting included:
 - Department of Finance survey on Government Expenditure on Outsourced Internal Audit Services – WACHS Response
 - Minister for Health's proposed Employee Engagement Survey questionnaire

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Kimberley on 3 May 2019.

Professor Neale Fong

Chair, WA Country Health Service Board

5 April 2019