



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

13 December 2019

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board meeting was held in Perth on Friday 13 December 2019 at WACHS Central Office.

The December Board meeting included a joint session with the WACHS Executive, providing an opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months and discuss WACHS' priorities for 2020. The Board expressed gratitude on behalf of all WA country people for the dedication and commitment of all WACHS staff, and noted the significant contributions made by so many throughout an extremely busy and challenging year. The Board also thanked the Chief Executive, Mr. Jeff Moffet, for his excellent leadership along with all of the Executive team as well.

During the Board meeting, reports were received from the Audit and Risk Committee, Finance Committee and Safety and Quality Committee meetings which were held on the 9th and 10th of December 2019 respectively.

Attendance

Dr. Neale Fong (Chair)

Ms. Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)

Mr. Alan Ferris

Dr. Kim Isaacs (via VC)

Ms. Kelly Howlett

Ms. Mary Anne Stephens

Dr. Diane Mohen

Ms. Meredith Waters

Dr. Daniel Heredia (via VC)

Apologies

Nil

In Attendance

Mr. Jeffrey Moffet (Chief Executive)

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board provided final endorsement on a number of Business Cases for progression to the Department of Health, in order to be submitted as part of the WA Health 2020-21 Budget Submission.
- The Board approved recouping debts of \$2,000 and above in relation to overpayments for the Public Holiday Toil entitlements.

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 2020 meeting schedules for the Finance Committee was endorsed.
- The Board received a briefing on the upcoming renewal of the Silver Chain contract, and provided support for WACHS to progress a proposal to adopt management of the contract to ensure ongoing services to country communities.
- The Board were provided with an update on the Bunbury Hospital Medical Workforce review, and noted that next steps include engagement of independent clinical experts and analysis and evaluation of the review.

- Curtin University Professor Suzanne Robinson joined the Board meeting with Robyn Sermon, Executive Director Innovation and Development to provide an overview of the work currently being undertaken in conjunction with Curtin University reviewing research into rural and remote healthcare and the proposal to build an International Centre for Rural and Remote Health Excellence.

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
 - Audit and Risk Report (November 2019)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (November 2019).
- General items for noting included:
 - 2019 Your Safety in our Hands in Hospital Report
 - From Death We Learn 2018 Report

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Albany as part of two day regional engagement visit to the Great Southern on 27 and 28 February 2020.

Dr Neale Fong
Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
10 January 2020