



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the recent WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board meeting.

27 March 2020

The Board meeting was held in Perth on Friday 27 March 2020 at WACHS Central Office.

The primary focus of the meeting was to brief the Board on WACHS' response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. A comprehensive overview was provided, focusing on: incident command and control processes, and State and WACHS governance structures; the planning and operational phases; engagement with Department of Health, key State and Commonwealth agencies, external providers and suppliers; management of WACHS workforce, staff well-being and contingency planning; current testing regime; current status of WACHS cases; impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on business as usual activities; and key risks unique to the WACHS rural and remote environment.

The Safety and Quality, Audit and Risk and Finance Committees did not meet in March 2020.

Attendance

Dr. Neale Fong (Chair)

Ms. Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair) (via VC)

Mr. Alan Ferris (via VC)

Dr. Kim Isaacs (via VC)

Ms. Kelly Howlett (via VC)

Ms. Mary Anne Stephens (via VC)

Dr. Diane Mohen (via VC)

Ms. Meredith Waters (via VC)

Dr. Daniel Heredia (via VC)

Apologies

Nil

In Attendance

Mr. Jeffrey 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 received a high-level update on WACHS' current preparation and planning phases in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic within country communities.

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 Report
 - Audit and Risk Report (20 February – 10 March 2020)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (24 January – 20 February 2020).
- General items for noting included:
 - WACHS Mid-Year Review Deed of Amendment to Service Agreement 2019-20
 - Update to WACHS Authorisation Schedule
 - Mental Health Clinical Governance Review
 - Health Services Performance Report – January 2020
 - Board Leadership and Performance in a Crisis

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Perth on 6 May 2020.

Dr Neale Fong

Chair, WA Country Health Service Board

30 April 2020