



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

6 May 2020

The Board meeting was held in Perth at WACHS Central Office.

At the meeting, the Board were provided with an opportunity to join the WACHS Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and Regional Director morning huddle. The Board received an up to date situational awareness report from across WACHS regions, an update on WACHS' response to COVID-19, and a presentation from Dr Helen Van Gessel who provided a global overview of the evolution and outcomes of COVID-19.

During the meeting, reports were received from the Safety and Quality and Audit and Risk Committees who met on 14 and 21 April 2020 respectively, and the Finance Committee who met on 4 May 2020.

Attendance

Dr. Neale Fong (Board Chair)

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

Mr. Alan Ferris

Mr. Paul Fitzpatrick

Dr. Daniel Heredia

Ms. Kelly Howlett (via VC)

Dr. Kim Isaacs (via VC)

Dr. Diane Mohen (via VC)

Ms. Mary Anne Stephens (via VC)

Ms. Meredith Waters (via VC)

Apologies

Nil

In Attendance

Mr. Jeffrey Moffet (Chief Executive)

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board endorsed the draft Statement of Intent response to the Ministerial Statement of Expectation;
- The Board endorsed the draft response to the Department of Health acknowledging the extension of the St John Ambulance service agreement; and
- The 2019-20 Write-Off Schedule under s48(2) of the *Financial Management Act 2006* (WA) was approved.

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 high-level updates on:
 - WACHS' end of financial year budget projections, business cases and the 2020-21 Budget Process;
 - WACHS' current response to the COVID-19 pandemic within country communities; and
 - Progression of Commissioner's Instruction No. 23.

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 Reports (March – April 2020).
- General items for noting included:

- Spinifex Quick Blast;
- Board Member's ACHSM Membership Renewal;
- Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Proposal Form;
- Impact of COVID-19 on WACHS Capital Program;
- Health Services Performance Report (March 2020).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Perth on 26 June 2020.

Dr Neale Fong
Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
19 May 2020