



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

26 June 2020

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

The focus of the meeting was the first Deep Dive session in which the Board explored patient centred place based care. Melissa Vernon facilitated and led the discussion surrounding the case for implementing a place based care model and how this would operate within WACHS' environment. Discussion also focused on examining the case for place based care and its proposed elements; identifying if the case for change is adequate to make the change; the risks associated with progressing or not progressing; and what key elements of success would look like and how that could be measured.

During the meeting, reports were received from the Safety and Quality and Audit and Risk Committees who both met on 9 June 2020, and the Finance Committee who met on 22 June 2020.

Attendance

Dr. Neale Fong (Board Chair)
Ms. Wendy Newman (Deputy Board Chair)
Mr. Alan Ferris
Mr. Paul Fitzpatrick
Dr. Daniel Heredia

Ms. Kelly Howlett (via VC)
Dr. Kim Isaacs (via VC)
Dr. Diane Mohen
Ms. Mary Anne Stephens
Ms. Meredith Waters (via VC)

Apologies

Nil

In Attendance

Mr. Jeffrey Moffet (Chief Executive)

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board endorsed the draft WACHS Consumer Engagement Strategy for wider consultation;
- The Board endorsed the signing of the 2020-21 Interim Service Level Agreements under the WACHS Common Seal arrangement.

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 endorsed the revised 2020 Board Meeting Schedule to reflect updates to the regional engagement visits; and
- The Board received high-level updates on:
 - WACHS' 2020-21 Budget Outcomes; and
 - WACHS' Palliative Care program.

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 (April – May 2020).
- General items for noting included:
 - Patient Transport Services Contract extension – response from the Director General, DoH;

- Telehealth MBS – response from Greg Hunt MP;
- JSCCCC Report – Corruption Risk in Public Procurement in WA; and
- Health Services Performance Report (April 2020).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Merredin on 24 July 2020.

Dr Neale Fong
Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
15 July 2020