



NMHS Board Update

May 2022

This update highlights key discussions from the NMHS Board meeting held on 27 May 2022 in the Noongar Season of Djeran via MS TEAMS.

Board Members present

Chair Professor David Forbes AM
Deputy Chair Ms Rebecca Strom
Dr Hilary Fine
Professor Paul Norman
Ms Paula Rogers
Mr Steve Toutountzis
Mr Tony Evans
Ms Kim Farmer
Ms Angela Edwards

A cause for celebration

- Yesterday (26 May) was Sorry Day and today (27 May) is the start of Reconciliation Week, with our health service acknowledging the significance of these days via events being planned across all of our sites.
- IDAHOBIT Day on the 17th May saw our NMHS Executives pledging to stand with LGBTQIA+ staff never to remain silent about discrimination and to learn and share knowledge about equity. This was directly followed by the launch of the [NMHS Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2025](#).
- NMHS Aboriginal Health Promotion Coordinator has been awarded a Rob-Riley Memorial MBA Scholarship to undertake an MBA at Curtin University.

Our Community and Our People: embedding our values:

Reflections on consumer and staff feedback are a monthly focus in addition to reflecting on a NMHS value – this month our reflections were on the value of Teamwork. We also continue to note some significant NMHS good stories. (See side panel page)

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

Updates and discussion focused on the review of current issues – COVID, demand in system, Ambulance Ramping, Outpatient Reform, Safety & Quality concerns and the changes in the North Executive Team positions following the closure of several Expressions of Interest.

Board Committee Updates:

The minutes of each of our Committees were provided with a precis provided by each of the Committee Chairs:

- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee
- Finance Committee.

These reports continue to highlight the work of the Committees and the level of demand, ongoing staffing, and budget pressures that NMHS is managing while working to maintain safe, high quality clinical care.

Board endorsements and strategic discussion:

We reviewed and endorsed –

- NMHS Service Agreement Deed of Amendment 2021/2022.
- Directors and Officers Liability Proposal.
- Business Case for the Provision of Linen Rental and Laundering Services across WA Health.
- Emergency Access Response Taskforce (EAR) – Minister for Health's taskforce noting the Board Chair is a member.
- Independent Governance Review of the Health Service Act 2016 – NMHS Board submission.



- On 20 May, Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson opened our newest BreastScreen WA (BSWA) clinic in Joondalup which will enable women in the northern metropolitan area to access an additional 11,000 screening opportunities/appointments closer to home.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 24 June 2022.



Djeran season at last sees a break in the really hot weather. A key indicator of the change of seasons is the cool nights that once again bring a dewy presence for us to discover in the early mornings.



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