



NMHS Board Update

March 2023

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on Friday, 3 March 2023 at Agnes Walsh Lounge, King Edward Memorial Hospital, Subiaco in the Noongar Season of Bunuru.



Bunuru is the hottest season with little to no rain, with a glorious abundance of sunlight and exceptional heat.

Board Members present

Professor David Forbes AM, Chair
Ms Rebecca Strom, Deputy Chair
Mrs Jahna Cedar OAM
Ms Angela Edwards
Mr Tony Evans
Dr Hilary Fine
Ms Karen Gullick
Professor Paul Norman AM
Ms Paula Rogers
Mr Steve Toutountzis

A cause for celebration

- WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards
 - Excellence in Midwifery
 - Graduate of the Year 2022
- Ms Annie Thompson appointed Area Director Nursing and Midwifery

Board endorsement

Our Community and Our People: embedding our values

Reflections on consumer and staff feedback are a monthly focus for the Board, in addition to reflecting on a NMHS value. This month our compliment and complaint reflections were on the value of CARE. We discussed two stories of care provided by the Women and Newborn Health Service. The stories offer valuable insights and help us reshape health care to make experiences more positive for our consumers.

Presentations to the Board

The Board welcomed the Executive Director Women and Newborn Health Service (WNHS) to provide an update on the WNHS Culture Action Plan, which aims to shape and help the service thrive. The Plan integrates organisational values and behaviours into all ways of working to promote a positive culture and improve engagement and motivation across WNHS.

The Director of Aboriginal Health was also invited to address the Board and provide progress against the three priority areas of the NMHS Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023 - 2025, which strongly aligns to the WA Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework 2015-2030. The presentation highlighted the Aboriginal Champions Program, launched in December, which together with a range of Aboriginal-specific services, supports culturally secure care, as well as endeavours to attract and support a capable Aboriginal workforce.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update

Our updates and discussions focussed on review of current issues and reports.

Board Chair

- Minister for Health's Statement of Expectation
- *Health Services Amendment Bill 2021*, which passed through Parliament recently
- Visit to the new Mental Health Unit being built at Joondalup Health Service, including the prototype of a patient room designed by consumers and clinicians
- Review of the Board's Code of Conduct
- Synergies and opportunities to collaborate with peer Health Service Provider Boards



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Next Board meeting

Friday, 31 March 2023
Executive Board Room, A block, Sir
Charles Gairdner Hospital, QEII
Medical Centre, Nedlands

Chief Executive

- Planning for the Winter bed strategy
- Progress of HEART Program initiatives, including improvements in ramping hours and WEAT performance
- Release of the Your Voice In Health Survey
- Progress of major infrastructure projects
 - Women and Newborn Service Relocation Project
 - Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Project

Board Committee updates

The minutes and a précis from each of our Committees were provided by the respective Chairs.

Audit and Risk Committee

No meeting held in February.

Finance Committee

The Committee received presentations from Procurement, Infrastructure and Contract Management about

- Joondalup Health Campus Annual Notice 2023/24; and,
- NMHS's Medical Equipment Replacement Program, including projects due for completion in 2022/23, and planning for 2023/24 and beyond.

In addition, discussions focussed on performance, activity and staffing trends, including strategies to ensure financial sustainability.

People, Engagement and Culture Committee

The Committee welcomed Corporate Nursing who presented the Nursing Workforce Engagement Strategy, which will support a more contemporary and flexible workforce model.

In addition, colleagues from Health Support Services attended to provide an update on the Human Resources Management Information System, which will be rolled out across the NMHS in September 2024.

The People and Culture operational plan 'Making NMHS a great place to work', with its five priorities, was tabled.

The Committee also discussed a range of workforce reports.

Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee

The Committee welcomed Medical Head of Neurosurgery at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, who provided an overview of the service with a focus on safety and quality.

In addition, SCGOPHCG consultant pathologist provided an update on the management of hospital-acquired *Staphylococcus aureus* blood stream infections. The Committee was pleased to learn SCGOPHCG rates remain significantly below the national benchmark.

An update on preparations for SCGOPHCG's June accreditation was also provided.

The Board considered the monthly consumer, and safety and quality performance and trends, with focus on emergency access and length of stay.



