



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's December meeting as well as other important information.

December 2016 Board Meeting

The last Board Meeting for 2016 was held on 8 December 2016 at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH), where the Board either discussed or received presentations or reports on the following areas:

Safety and quality

- There had been no Safety and Quality Committee meetings since the last Board meeting.
- The Board reviewed the monthly safety and quality report with particular attention to recent performance in the Western Australian Emergency Access and Elective Surgery Targets (WEAT and WEST); implementation of SAC 1 root cause analysis recommendations and the completion rate of discharge summaries.
- The Board also received detailed briefings about strategies to improve hand hygiene and waiting times for initial outpatient appointments at PMH.

Employee experience/ organisational culture

- The Chair of the Safety and Quality Committee, whose responsibility it is to report to the Board on matters relating to Employee Experience, provided an update on his recent meetings with the Chair of the Clinical Staff Association.

Finance

- CAHS monthly finances and activity reports were presented to the Board by the Executive Director Finance, Procurement and Contract Management and the Chair of the Finance Committee. The Board discussed the activity trends across the health service and the strategies underway to ensure CAHS' long term financial sustainability.

Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Commissioning

- The Board were again joined by Dr Russell-Weisz, Director General Department of Health; and Ms Rebecca Brown, Deputy Director General Department of Health; to discuss updates in the process of transitioning the governance of PCH from the State to CAHS.
- The Board received a presentation from Ms Bronwen Kelly, Communications Manager for PCH, outlining the communications strategy preceding the

opening of PCH, and the social media strategy for the hospital in the immediate and long term.

- The Board also received a comprehensive update on the progress of the construction, commissioning, and staff induction and orientation programs.

Audit and Risk

- There had been no Audit and Risk Committee meetings since the last Board meeting.

Presentations

- The Board received a presentation from Ms Pip Brennan, Executive Director, Health Consumer's Council (HCC), who provided an overview of the role of the HCC in relation to CAHS' consumers.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on 9 February 2017.

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Child and Adolescent Health Service
14 December 2016