



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's February 2018 meeting as well as other important information.

February 2018 Board Meeting

The first Board Meeting for 2018 was held on 15 February 2018 at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH), where the Board received reports from its three Standing Committees as follows:

Safety and quality

- The CAHS Board received an overview of safety and quality issues discussed at the Safety and Quality Committee meeting on 6 February 2018 which included:
 - engaging the NGO sector to ensure optimal service delivery for CAHS clients;
 - barriers to meeting the WEAT in the second half of 2017; and
 - The hand hygiene target.
- The Board made special note of the excellent work done by the Department of Respiratory Medicine to reduce the average length of stay for cystic fibrosis patients.
- The Board also noted the work being done to reduce the average length of time from arrival at the emergency department to admission (WA Emergency Access Target).

Finance

- The Chair of the Finance Committee provided an overview of the issues discussed at their most recent meeting on 23 January 2018. This included:
 - Discussion of CAHS' end of year financial forecast to date.
 - Monitoring progress towards funding for an Integrated Health System.

Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Commissioning

- The Board received a presentation from Debbie Chiffings, A/Executive Director Perth Children's Hospital, covering the latest progress to the clinical commissioning of the new hospital.
- The Board received a report from the Chief Executive on the overall progress towards the May 2018 move date to PCH.

Audit and Risk

- The CAHS Board received an overview from the Audit and Risk Committee including the endorsement of the procurement process and outcome for the internal auditors.

- The Board welcomed the new Manager Audit and Risk, Mr Ian Giles.

The Board also received reports from its two Special Purpose Working Groups/Committees as follows:

Review Oversight Committee

- The CAHS Board received an overview of the progress of the implementation of the recommendations from the external PMH Review including the recommendations on organisational culture change as follows:
 - Dr Renu Burr, Cultural Consultant, Dr David Forbes, Chair, and Dr Asha Bowen, Deputy Chair, Shape Our Future Steering Committee presented to the Board on the progress of the SOF project; and
 - coming activities involving all staff include focus groups and world cafes to feed into the Culture Action Plan.

The Board expressed its support for the work for the Shape Our Future project.

PCH Governance Transition Working Group

- The CAHS Board received an overview of the progress towards the transfer of the governance of the PCH to the CAHS Board including noting a number of the governance documents which will return to the Board for endorsement.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on 15 March 2018.

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Child and Adolescent Health Service
15 February 2018