



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's April 2019 meeting as well as other important information.

April 2019 Board Meeting

The third Board Meeting for 2019 was held on 26 April 2019 at the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH).

Minister's attendance

Hon Roger Cook, MLA, Deputy Premier of Western Australia; Minister for Health; Mental Health attended to hear the presentation on CAHS' Digital Technology Roadmap, and was briefed on the activity of the Board's committees. The Minister expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Government for the work of CAHS.

Patient Experience

- The Board discussed a patient experience reported in Patient Opinion, entitled 'The Mental Fight', and the CAHS response.

The Board received reports from its four Standing Committees as follows:

Safety and Quality

- The Board noted the current vacancies in the safety and quality area; and the need for additional consumer representation.

Finance

- The Board noted the finance report to 31 March 2019.
- The Board agreed to recommend the proposed write-offs of sundry debtor accounts and salary overpayments transferred from Health Support Services.

Audit and Risk

- The Board noted the draft minutes of the meeting of 3 April 2019.
- The Board approved the Internal Audit Policy.

Workforce Committee

- The Board noted the draft minutes of the meeting of 18 April 2019.
- The Board also noted that there were 12 Aboriginal staff members in CAHS in 2013; now there are 61.
- The Board agreed to rename the Workforce Committee the 'People, Capability and Culture Committee.'

The Board heard information on:

Clinical Advisory Group

- The Board approved the renewal of the current members of the Clinical Advisory Group until July 2020.

Strategic Issues

Living CAHS' values

The Board discussed its role in living CAHS' values, including:

- reflection on 'charter of values' at Board;
- Stars of CAHS award winners should come to the Board;
- reflecting on values on major decisions;
- meeting in other areas of CAHS; and
- the desirability of incorporating values in day-to-day operational discussions.

The Board agreed to include reflection on values in major decisions.

Aboriginal child health

Following presentations on Aboriginal child health in February and April, the Board discussed:

- advocating for more resources into diagnosis and early intervention in FASD;
- how to best support community mental health and its intersection with disability and chronic disease;
- taking a system approach to prevention, including consideration of the right model of care, using Community Health and integration with primary health providers and NGOs, is essential to improving Aboriginal child health;
- the criticality of the measurement of Aboriginal cultural safety and security in CAHS, which should be monitored by the Safety and Quality Committee;
- Collaborating with Aboriginal-controlled community health organisations such as Derbarl Yerrigan;
- resources currently at the crisis end of health rather than prevention and promotion;
- hearing from community members and including Aboriginal community members in any approaches to ensure self-determination;
- CAHS role in raising awareness of child Aboriginal health issues;
- advocating for resources for diagnosis of FASD;
- CAHS aiming for no undiagnosed FASD in Western Australia by 2025;
- funding for Sustainable Health Review initiatives;
- Premier's Priorities;
- CAHS need to maintain active intervention with families following initial contact when children at 0 to 14 days;

- 15 – 16 year olds not being sufficiently supported;
- challenge and opportunity of providing community health services;
- Reconciliation Action Plan.

The Board requested Chief Executive to report back to the Board on stretch targets for Aboriginal child health and their relationship to current CAHS services; and whether the Board should support a Reconciliation Action Plan.

Presentations

Aboriginal child health

Dr Robyn Williams presented research on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, and will provide additional information to the Board on FASD.

CAHS' Digital Technology Roadmap

Professor Chris Blyth presented on the CAHS' Digital Technology Roadmap.

The Board agreed that a governance digital transformation committee of experts with a Board member in attendance should be established; in addition to an operational committee.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Friday 31 May 2019.

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