



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's August 2021 meeting as well as other important information.

August 2021 Board Meeting

The seventh Board Meeting for 2021 was held on 5 August 2021 in the PCH Boardroom.

The Board noted the recent opening of the Kid's (Koolangka) Bridge.

Your Voice in Health

The Board attended a presentation by Engine Asia Pacific regarding the 2021 Your Voice in Health survey results for CAHS. It was noted that the survey results would be released to CAHS once approved by the Minister for Health with additional briefings to be provided to the Department of Health, Workforce and Employment Unit and relevant unions.

The Board expressed a desire to receive additional analysis into the findings into specific workforce areas including gender, CaLD and people living with a disability.

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

Safety and Quality

The Board noted:

- the draft minutes of the meeting 13 July 2021;
- the ongoing actions undertaken by CAHS to reduce the risk associated with the management and handling of schedule 8 and 4Rs medication;
- the commissioning of the High Dependency Unit and Emergency Department Rapid Assessment Team;
- CAHS activity related to SAC1 investigations; trends, timelines for RCA's and the importance of sharing de-identified learnings from these events; and
- the percentage of completed discharge summaries, with a view to improvement.

The Board discussed:

- CAHS' ongoing preparation for accreditation, including a request to receive continued reports regarding the number of up-to-date policies;
- the implementation progress of the sepsis pathway;
- compliance with completion of discharge summaries

- prioritisation mechanisms for 2-year-old health checks, including self-assessment tools; and
- the eating disorders program in relation to the risk framework under development.

The Board endorsed the Safety and Quality KPI report and for this to be adopted for the 2021-21 Annual Report.

Finance

The Board noted:

- the draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27 July 2021;
- the Equipment Replacement Dashboard including an updated Medical Equipment Replacement Report for 2021-22 indicating a 25 million deficit in funding to enable replacement of equipment; and
- that an operational risk regarding the replacement of medical equipment is under development.

The Board approved the proposed amendments to the CAHS Authorisation and Delegations Schedule, including but not limited to delegations of unbudgeted spend.

The Board accepted the recommendations that the Safety and Quality Committee to consider adequate risk coverage for outpatient demand not being met and that a strategic discussion occurs regarding outpatient demand management at the September Board Meeting.

Audit and Risk

The Board noted that there was no Audit and Risk Committee meeting in July 2021.

The Board approved the closure of two recommendations associated with the Clinical Incident Management Audit.

People, Capability and Culture Committee

The Board noted:

- the draft minutes of the meeting 16 July 2021;
- the CAHS Wellbeing Strategy;
- their support of the Aboriginal employment plan and that a new Aboriginal eLearning program is now available;
- that a staff clinical psychologist is commencing in August 2021.

The Board endorsed the excess leave plan target of 1% annual reduction in leave liability in 2021-22 with a decrease to 2% in 2022-23.

Chief Executive update

The Board received a verbal update from the CE including:

- the progress on recommendations from the Root Cause Analysis report including review of the triage policy and alignment with the PARROT chart, implementation of CARE CALL within the Emergency Department (ED),

nursing and medical recruitment and purchase of medical equipment within the ED

- the progress of the Independent Inquiry into PCH;
- outline of an incident at KEMH involving a Neonatal member of staff;
- progress towards conversion of staff contracts into permanent positions;
- the progress towards development of a Children's Hospice;
- development of an Electronic Medical Record;
- review of CAHS COVID-19 protocols related to transmission within lifts;
- CAHS accreditation preparation;
- development of the CAHS Climate Sustainability Framework; and
- development of the CAHS Midland Hub.

Board Activity

The Board Chair addressed staff at the Chief Executive Forum on 9 August 2021 and conducted a Boardwalk of the PCH Wards and Fun on Four. Board members attended the opening of the Kids (Koolangka) Bridge and Stars of CAHS presentations.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Thursday 2 September 2021.

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20 August 2021