



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communique highlights key discussions from the Board's July 2020 meeting as well as other important information.

July 2020 Board Meeting

The sixth Board Meeting for 2020 was held on 2 July 2020 at the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH).

The Board thanked Daniel Morrison for his service to the Board between 2017 and 2020, and welcomed new Board member Maria Osman.

Patient Experience

The Board noted the patient experiences and the CAHS' response.

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

Safety and Quality

- The Board noted:
 - that a deep dive into neonates is being undertaken;
 - difficulties in filling CAMHS vacancies; and
 - Dr Sarah Cherian won the College of Physicians Teaching and Mentoring Award for Australia.

Finance

- The Board approved the appointment of Dr Alexius Julian as Chair of the Finance Committee.
- The Board approved a number of requests for the release of information by way of Section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)*.
- The Board approved the transfer of Fleet Management Services from the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) to CAHS.
- The Board resolved to enter into and affix the common seal of the Child and Adolescent Health Service in accordance with section 41 of the *Health Services Act 2016 (WA)* to the Department of Health 2020-21 Interim Service Agreement and the 2019-20 Deed of Amendment.
- The Board resolved to enter into and affix the common seal of the Child and Adolescent Health Service in accordance with section 41 of the *Health Services Act 2016 (WA)* to the 2020-21 Interim Mental Health Commission Service Agreement and two Mental Health Commission 2019-20 Deeds of Variation.
- The Board approved the write-off of irrecoverable aged debt totalling \$1,452,275.20.

Audit and Risk

- The Board approved the appointment of Kathleen Bozanic as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- The Board approved the CAHS Audit Plan 2020-2021.

People, Capability and Culture Committee

- The Board discussed the level of grievances and complaints; and noted that the Committee is seeking high level summary and trends on grievances and complaints.

Clinical Advisory Group

- The Board noted that Chris Blyth dealt with the concerns the Group had regarding PPE, and appreciated the opportunity to hear from Valerie Jovanovic and her plans for the People, Capability and Culture portfolio.
- The Board discussed matters the group raised about maintaining therapeutic alliances between clinicians and families where there are disagreements about treatment options.

HSS

- The Board met with the Board Chair and Chief Executive of Health Support Services and discussed cybersecurity, HR processing, and other matters.

Reflecting on Values

- The Board reflected on the values informing decision-making in the meeting.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Thursday 6 August 2020.

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7 July 2020