



## COMMUNIQUE

### CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH SERVICE BOARD

FEBRUARY 2023

This Communique highlights key discussion from the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) Board's February 2023 meeting as well as other important information.

The first Board meeting for 2023 was held on 2 February 2023 at Perth Children's Hospital Boardroom and via MS Teams

The Board acknowledged and extended congratulations to CAHS and WA Health staff for the following awards:

#### **Long Service Award:**

- Mr Allan Joyce, Supervisor Pharmacist – 45 Years' Service

#### **Australia Day honours recipients:**

- Dr David Russell-Weisz, Director General, for outstanding public service through leadership and management in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Dr Geoff Dobb, past Board Member, for significant service to intensive care medicine and to professional associations;
- Ms Sue Kiely, EDCH, for outstanding public service through the delivery of the Western Australian COVID-19 Vaccination Program; and
- Prof Helen Milroy, CAHS Consultant, for significant service to public health, and to the Indigenous community.

#### **Consumer Engagement**

The minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee and Consumer Advisory Committee were noted including key issues regarding School Health Nurse allocation, security guards in PCH and PCH signage. The Board discussed the Complaints and Compliments report as tabled.

#### **Multicultural Action Plan**

The Board noted and discussed the progress against the implementation of the Multicultural Action Plan with further progress to be provided to the People, Culture and Capability Committee quarterly.

#### **CAHS Disability Access and Inclusion Plan**

The Board noted the progress report for CAHS Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and discussed transition services for adolescents and young adults with complex conditions from paediatric to adult health services.

#### **Safety & Quality**

The Board discussed the clinical incidents and updates regarding Lessons Learned Framework with

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a focus on significance of sharing lessons learned across the organization, including via Safety and Quality Newsletter.

## **Women and Newborns Relocation Project**

The Board noted a presentation about the Women and Newborns Relocation Project and discussed facility management and operation matters.

## **Key Reports**

### **1. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services**

Key items of discussion included:

- Progress against closure of beds on 5A
- Aboriginal Cultural Safety Review and Statewide Cultural Governance Framework
- Transition services and support for patients at the Fremantle Mental Health Clinic

### **2. Community Health**

Key items of discussion included:

- Ear health services
- Productivity of Child Development Services
- Opportunities for improving access to child health appointments

### **3. Perth Children's Hospital and Neonatology Services**

The Board acknowledged staff responsible for Christmas events.

Key items of discussion included:

- PCH Capacity and oversight for long-stay patients, transfer, and handover practices
- Progress against the consumer group's recommendation to adapt a more engaging approach for security personnel
- Recruitment updates

### **4. Procurement, Infrastructure and Contract Management**

Key items of discussion included:

- Outdoor spaces available for both staff and patients
- Progress on the WA Children's Hospice, Midland and Murdoch Community Hubs projects; and
- Digital Medical Record (DMR)

## **Chief Executive Report**

The A/Chief Executive highlighted:

- Recruitment updates regarding Executive and Senior positions
- Progress on CAHS Governance Committee Structure
- Update regarding the Byford Hub

## **CAHS Recovery and Transformation Plan**

The Board noted the CAHS Recovery and Transformation Plan, including update regarding the meeting of CAHS with the Department of Health. Governance matters and cooperation with stakeholders were discussed.

### **Board Committees**

The Board received reports from its Standing Committees as follows:

#### **1. Safety & Quality Committee**

The Board noted the Safety & Quality Chair Report and draft minutes of the 14 December 2022 meeting.

#### **2. Audit and Risk Committee**

The Board noted the Audit and Risk Committee Chair Report and draft minutes from the extraordinary meeting held 20 December 2022 regarding cyber security and related training.

#### **3. People, Capability and Culture Committee**

The Board noted the People, Culture and Capability Committee Chair Report, draft meeting minutes of 8 December 2022 and recommendations from the December meeting.

#### **4. Finance Committee**

The Board noted that the Finance Committee did not hold a meeting in December 2022. The EDCS provided update on CAHS Financial position for December 2022.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2 March 2023

Dr Rosanna Capolingua

**BOARD CHAIR**

**CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH SERVICE**

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