



Board Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions of interest at the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) Board's most recent meeting which was held on 28 August 2020 at Graylands Health Campus.

At this meeting;

- The Board also received a presentation from Dr Viki Pascu, Director of Clinical Services NMHS Mental Health entitled 'Don't judge the patients or staff, judge the system'. She spoke about the deinstitutionalisation in Mental Health and the impact that has had for people with mental health illness and for the staff working in the system. Systemic contributing factors and solutions as well as clinical contributing factors and solutions were discussed.
- The Director General for WA Health; Dr. David Russell-Weisz also joined the meeting and provided an update to the Board in relation to COVID-19 preparedness; critical issues impacting NMHS such as the Graylands redevelopment and WNHS relocation; Electronic Medical Record progress as well as touching on several other issues.
- The Board reviewed the minutes of its Committees.
 - Audit and Risk Committee focussed on –
 - Annual Board and Committee survey completion with results to be provided to the Board and Committee Chairs for review and to determine actions required.
 - Self-assessment of the Committee against the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) Western Australian Public Sector Audit Committees Best Practice Guide.
 - Finance Committee focussed on –
 - SAFFP close out report and transition of remaining projects into the budget strategy for 2020/21.
 - NMHS Budget Review Strategy 2020/21 was reviewed and subsequently endorsed by the Board.
 - Safety and Quality Committee focussed on –
 - Fantastic achievement by NMHS in relation to SABS rates with the KPI achieved for the year. Very impressive.
 - Hand Hygiene – again noting the vastly improved compliance rates across all professional groups being achieved.
 - WEAT – SCGH report was tabled and discussed with the Committee noting the initiatives and data interrogation are very intelligent way of looking at the issues and all involved should be congratulated.
 - People, Engagement and Culture (PEC) Committee focussed on –
 - There are now 102 PEC Ambassadors and a re-launch is planned.
 - The first professional group presentation by Medical staff was held and very well received. In September the Committee will receive a presentation from the Nursing and Midwifery professional group.
- The Chief Executive provided the Board with an update on key issues for NMHS and noted that the NMHS Strategic Plan 2020-25 will be provided for final endorsement in September 2020.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled to be held on Friday 25 September 2020.

Jim McGinty, Chair
North Metropolitan Health Service Board
28 August 2020
