

NMHS Board

Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 30 July 2021 in the Noongar Season of Makuru at SCGH – Acute Services

Makuru sees the coldest and wettest time of the year come into full swing. Traditionally, this was a good time of the year to move back inland from the coast as the winds turned to the west and south bringing the cold weather, rains and occasionally snow on the peaks of the Stirling and Porongurup Ranges.



Joondalup Health Campus (JHC)

The Board visited JHC and received a presentation from the Chief Executive Officer, Dr Amanda Ling covering topics from their history, the Public Private Partnership and contract management issues, COVID activity and issues, Culture and gowing forward – growth strategies and redevelopment staging. Board members also toured facilities at JHC including the Emergency Department, Mental Health Observation Area and their Command Centre.

Board Committee Updates:

The Board reviewed the minutes of its Committees and were provided with a precis from each Chair as follows:

- People, Engagement and Culture Committee highlighted the continuing work around reviewing of Strategic Risks; provision of Workforce dashboards to inform clearly and concisely across a number of HR and Workforce issues; CREW update and its embedding into business as usual.
- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee received a presentation from Mental Health raising their operational concerns, strategic priorities and action plans to manage and move foreward.
- Finance Committee focussed on the end of financial year results for 2021/22 acknowledging the enormous amount of work and management, including cost-cutting measures across SCGH that contributed to the end result.
- Audit & Risk Committee will next meet on the 11 August with an update to the Board on the 27 August 2021.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

The Board Chair and Chief Executive provided updates which included the discussion of a number of topics including –

 COVID vaccinations. It was pleasingly noted that 72% of NMHS staff had received their first COVID accination, and 64% their second vaccination, with 84% of category 1A staff completing vaccination.





Clinical Prof David Forbes AM Board Chair NMHS

- Ongoing focus on addressing workforce shortages across the system from both a local and whole of health viewpoint.
- Budget for 2021/22 financial year and the need to look at options to manage and address expected shortfalls to include strategies such as improvement of contract management to enhance cost efficient provision of services.
- Minister for Health Statement of Expectation was reviewed and the NMHS Statement of Intent endorsed which will be added to the hub in coming days.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 27 August 2021 and will be held at Graylands Campus.



