



NMHS Board

Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 25 June 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.



SCGH Acute Services

The Board received a presentation from members of the Acute Service team outlining ways in which business information and artificial intelligence can be used to provide predictive patient flow information through which we can better manage and resource not only our Emergency Departments but all areas across the hospital setting. This is exciting work and the Board looks forward to it being pursued.

Electronic Medical Record (EMR)

The Board received a briefing from the Assistant Director General, Strategy & Governance Division on the pathway to achievement of an EMR for all services. Concern was registered that this is still 7-10 years away.

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 notable improvements for SCGH in the AMA Doctor's in Training Hospital Health Check results; ongoing exploration of Board visibility options; review of the Stop the Violence framework and the continued work on Unspoken/Unwritten Ground Rules by Workforce.
- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee highlighted their concerns regarding the transfer process of adolescents to adult services from CAHS, with particular concern for Eating Disorder patients.
- Finance Committee received a budget holder presentation from SCGOPHCG and were happy to see the ongoing focus of savings strategies and the impact this is having.
- Audit & Risk Committee met on 9 June 2021 and the minutes were provided for information.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

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

- The review of “gaps” in Emergency Department processes at SCGH and JHC Emergency Departments following the





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recent death at PCH was reassuring, with few issues identified.

- Addressing workforce shortages across the system from both a local and whole of health viewpoint.
- Ministerial briefings and meetings to discuss ongoing concerns regarding a number of issues including WA Health System Capacity; Aged Care Patient presentations to Emergency; NDIS Patient Management; CI23 Update; and pre-hospital triaging – ambulance admissions.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 30 July 2021 and will be held at Joondalup Health Campus.

