



NMHS Board

Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 28 January 2022 in the Noongar Season of Birak at NMHS Executive Office.



During the Birak season we see hot and dry easterly winds blow during the day and south-west sea breezes in the afternoon.

Welcome:

Welcome to the first Board Communiqué for 2022. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year period and are looking forward to 2022 and the celebrations and challenges it will undoubtedly bring!

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
- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee
- Finance Committee.
- Audit & Risk Committee.

These reports continue to highlight the level of demand, ongoing staffing and budget pressures that NMHS is managing while working to maintain safe, high quality clinical care. The Board remains concerned about increasing sentinel events and will continue to explore the relationship of these to increased demand, while developing a safety-focused response.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

The Board Chair and Chief Executive provided updates focused on the ongoing COVID-19 management expectations, challenges and focus.

Board endorsements and strategic discussion:

The Board reviewed and endorsed –

- NMHS Risk Appetite Statement
- NMHS Statement of Intent – September to December 2021 report which will now be provided to the Minister for Health and made available on the NMHS Hub.
- NMHS Strategic Asset Plan – updated and refreshed plan that will lead NMHS in the management of our assets.
- Aishwarya's Care – Recommendations matrix resulting from the Root Cause Analysis continues to be reviewed by NMHS to ensure all action appropriate for NMHS is taken in response. While this was precipitated by an Emergency Department issue, there is relevance to all Health Service areas.





Clinical Prof David Forbes AM
Board Chair, NMHS

- NMHS Operational Plan – September to December 2021 report was reviewed and endorsed with the Board commenting on the enormity of the work being undertaken and the fantastic outcomes being achieved. This report will also be made available on the NMHS Hub.

Time was spent considering the major issues facing NMHS. Priorities for 2022 over and above dealing with COVID19 are ensuring adequacy of our budget, maintaining the quality and safety of our health care, organisational culture and being innovative in our problem solving.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 25 February 2022 and will be held at Dental Health Services.

