



# NMHS Board Update

March 2022

*This update highlights key discussions from the NMHS Board meeting held on 25 March 2022 in the Noongar Season of Bunuru via MS TEAMS.*

## Board Members present

Chair Professor David Forbes AM  
Deputy Chair Ms Rebecca Strom  
Dr Hilary Fine  
Professor Paul Norman  
Ms Paula Rogers  
Mr Steve Toutountzis  
Mr Tony Evans  
Ms Kim Farmer

## A cause for celebration

- MHPHDS Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team completed a mammoth regional fit testing operation, travelling from the Southwest to the Goldfields and north to Broome. The IPC team has fit-tested more than 65 health staff in regional WA and more than 800 Dental Health Services (DHS) staff.
- NMHS has introduced a culturally secure, mobile service dedicated to Aboriginal in-home COVID vaccination. It has been well-received and supported by other aboriginal organisations and take-up has been steadily rising.
- The SCGH High Risk Foot Service, achieved accreditation by the National Association of Diabetes Centres as a centre of Excellence, only the second high-risk foot service in WA to be accredited at this level, and one of only 8 accredited nationally.

## Our Community and Our People: embedding our values:

Reflections on consumer and staff feedback are a monthly focus in addition to reflecting on a NMHS value – this month our reflections were on the value of Respect. We noted some significant NMHS good stories. (See side panel page)

## Major Infrastructure Projects:

Ms Tanya Adair, Executive Director of Major Infrastructure Projects provided the Board with an update on the project timelines and progress relating to –

- Spinal Cord Injury Service Reconfiguration
- Joondalup Health Campus Development Stage 2
- Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensics Project
- WNHS Relocation Project

## Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

Updates and discussion focused on COVID-19 updates and overall patient activity.

## Board Committee Updates:

The minutes of each of our Committees were provided with a precis provided by each of the Committee Chairs:

- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee
- Finance Committee.

These reports continue to highlight the work of the Committees and the level of demand, ongoing staffing, and budget pressures that NMHS is managing while working to maintain safe, high quality clinical care.

## Board endorsements and strategic discussion:

We reviewed and endorsed –

- NMHS Authorisations, Delegations and Decision-Making Schedule 2022
- NMHS People Engagement and Culture Ambassador model

We finalised our work identifying Board priorities for 2022 considering how these align to the Minister's expectations, the NMHS Strategic Plan and the Sustainable Health Review.



**Minister for Health, Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson, Chief of Staff, Stacey Hearn and Policy Adviser, Shannon Clarkson:**

The Minister joined the meeting with staff members as listed above and provided the Board with a brief overview of her priorities while also thanking NMHS for the enormous contribution they make to WA Health as a whole.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 29 April 2022.



*Bunuru is the hottest time of the year with little to no rain. Hot easterly winds continue with a cooling sea breeze most afternoons if you're close to the coast.*



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