



# NMHS Board Update

September 2022

*This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 30 September 2022 at the QEII Medical Centre in the Noongar Season of Djilba.*

## Board Members present

Chair Professor David Forbes AM  
Ms Angela Edwards  
Mr Tony Evans  
Ms Karen Gullick  
Professor Paul Norman  
Mr Steve Toutountzis

## A cause for celebration

- The first sod for the RAPID Lab Expansion and Cyclotron turned with the Minister for Health.
- NMHS Employee Wellbeing Strategy 2022 to 2025 was endorsed.



*Djilba is a transitional time of the year, with some very cold and clear days combining with warmer, rainy and windy days mixing with the occasional sunny day or two.*

## Welcome

We welcomed new executive members Ms Lara Moltoni Acting Executive Director Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement, and Mr Charles O'Hanlon Executive Director People and Culture, who outlined their areas of focus aligned to the organisation's priorities.

## 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 TEAMWORK. The Board reflected on the importance of good communication skills in providing high quality and safe care.

## Presentation to the Board

The Board welcomed members from the NMHS Integrity directorate who provided an interactive session focussed on education initiatives that maintain and promote integrity, conduct and ethics.

## Board Chair and Chief Executive update

Updates and discussions focussed on activities and initiatives underway by the HEART Program to optimise patient flow, and reduce ambulance ramping and Emergency Department access block.

## Board Committee updates

Minutes and a precis of current matters of note were provided by the Chairs of the

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

These reports highlight the work of the Committees, the level of demand for inpatient and outpatient services, ongoing staffing and budget pressures, which NMHS is managing while working to maintain safe, high quality clinical care. Discussions included re-establishing formal channels to enable health care consumers to provide feedback to the Board and Executive.

## Next Board meeting

28 October 2022 at Osborne Park Hospital, Stirling.

## Board endorsement and strategic discussion

We reviewed and endorsed –

- NMHS annual Report 2022
- NMHS Remediation Plan – Sentinel events and clinical incidents report



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