



NMHS Board Update

April 2022

This update highlights key discussions from the NMHS Board meeting held on 29 April 2022 in the Noongar Season of Djeran 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
Ms Angela Edwards

A cause for celebration

- SCGH ENT Consultant Dr Jafri Kuthubutheen completed ground breaking surgery featuring new auditory brain implants that are helping people hear again. His team's work resulted in extensive local and national media coverage.
- NET launched the NMHS Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2025: Listening and Doing. These practical priorities will guide our action over the next three years:
 - Cultural security for Aboriginal people;
 - Improving our services so that Aboriginal people feel culturally secure using them;
 - Engagement with Aboriginal people
 - Listening to, and acting on, what Aboriginal people are telling us
 - Strengthening our Aboriginal workforce: having more Aboriginal people join us to help

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 Innovation. We noted some significant NMHS good stories. (See side panel page)

Work Health Safety (WHS) Act – an update and due diligence training:

Dr Kim McLean, Director Work Health and Safety for NMHS provided the Board with an update covering the following key issues –

- WHS Act 2020 – main differences from the OSH Act
- Due Diligence – what it is and how it impacts the Board
- NMHS Actions for compliance
- Immediate priorities.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

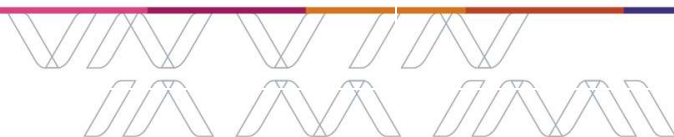
Updates and discussion focused on welcoming Dr Shirley Bowen as the Chief Executive of NMHS; review of current issues – COVID, demand in system, focus on Ambulance Ramping, Outpatient Reform, Safety & Quality concerns and the changes in the North Executive Team positions after resignations from Janet Zagari, ED SCGOPHCG and Stuart Windsor, ED PICM.

Board Committee Updates:

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

- People Engagement and Culture
- Audit & Risk
- 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.



care for everyone, and better supporting Aboriginal staff to advance in their careers.

- The Strategy is a key component of NET Operational Initiative 4 – Kaya Wanju – Aboriginal people matter: Making NMHS services places where Aboriginal people feel safe, heard and important and where cultural needs are met.
- NMHS is the first health service provide to secure an Electric Vehicle fleet, initially based at Graylands Hospital and will be extended over time.
- KEMH is one of two hospitals in Australia to take part in the EPIC (Engagement in Plastic-free Innovation for Change) program aimed at reducing the health industry's significant contribution to plastic waste.

Board endorsements and strategic discussion:

We reviewed and endorsed –

- NMHS Statement of Intent reporting to the MfH was partially endorsed with the CE to provide some updates.
- NMHS Strategic and Annual Audit Plan
- 2021/22 Write-Off of Patient Debt

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 27 May 2022.



Djeran season at last sees a break in the really hot weather. A key indicator of the change of seasons is the cool nights that once again bring a dewy presence for us to discover in the early mornings.



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