



NMHS Board

Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 30 April 2021 in the Noongar Season of Djeran at NMHS.

Djeran season sees the start of the cooler weather. During this period fishing continued and bulbs and seeds were collected for food.



Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD)

The Board received a very insightful presentation regarding VAD and the legislation that will come into effect on the 1 July 2021. The focus was on the role of SCGH in the service, and the issues that may involve clinical services. The Board were also made aware of the education available through the DoH and the planned SCGH Grand Round to better inform staff.

Women and Newborn Service Relocation Project (WNSRP)

The Project Director and Senior Project Manager provided the Board with an overview of the project including background information, project phases, Business Case development and the next steps which will include significant stakeholder engagement.

Board Committee Updates:

- People, Engagement and Culture Committee provided their draft minutes highlighting the ongoing work in the diversity space and the Minister for Health Your Voice in Health survey, with a particular focus on timelines for release of information and progression to completed Action Plans.
- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee provided their draft minutes and highlighted the very insightful presentation received from SCGOPHCG Department of Rehabilitation and Aged Care and the projects they are undertaking to ensure our patients receive excellent care in appropriate timeframes.
- Finance Committee advised that they continue to focus on the Year to Date position of NMHS and received a budget holder presentation from Mental Health, Public Health and Dental Service.
- Audit and Risk Committee met on the 14 April and noted their key discussions around Internal and External Audit and Risk Management.

NMHS Operation Plan:

The Board were delighted to receive the NMHS Operational Plan 2021-2023 noting the approach taken in the development; reporting framework and method; including that there will be a launch of the One Team Many Dreams for mid-May. The Area



Executive led initiatives as provided were endorsed with the Board looking forward to contributing where possible.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

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

- COVID-19 – Testing and Vaccination Clinics
- WEAT and the Minister for Health expectations
- Update from the Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensics Taskforce led by Hon. Jim McGinty AM

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 28 May 2021 and will be held at King Edward Memorial Hospital. An update on NMHS Sustainability Action Plan as well as a presentation from Women and Newborn Health Service and a site tour if circumstances permits will be included.



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