



NMHS Board Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions of interest at the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) Board's most recent meeting which was held on 30 October 2020 at the Mental Health Commission (MHC)

At this meeting:

- The Board also received a presentation from the Mental Health Commissioner who outlined the strategic direction of the Commission along with the Mental Health Portfolio Priorities for 2020-24.
- The Board also received a presentation regarding Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing from the Director of Aboriginal Health at the Department of Health and the Director Aboriginal Health for NMHS. The presentation highlighted the work being undertaken in relation to the Closing the Gap targets, alignment to the Sustainable Health Review and the WA Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework 2015-2030.
- The Board reviewed the minutes of its Committees.
 - Audit and Risk Committee focussed on –
 - Work being undertaken to review NMHS Strategic Risks through a deep dive process allocated to Committees as required.
 - Ongoing work in the Fraud and Integrity Management area with a update provided to the Committee in relation to the progress of the updated framework.
 - Review of Committee governance to a best practice guide provided by the Office of the Auditor General.
 - Finance Committee focussed on –
 - Budget Holder Presentation from MHPHDS Executive Director, Ms Ros Elmes.
 - Year to date financial outcomes inclusive of achievements against budget, activity, FTE, cash balance, leave liability etc.
 - NMHS Budget Strategy update and budget forecast concerns.
 - Safety and Quality Committee focussed on –
 - A presentation from SCGH Vascular Surgical Team regarding the need for a Hybrid Theatre at SCGH and confirmation that a Business Case is underway.
 - WEAT – ongoing concerns regarding poor performance notwithstanding the WEAT plan in place for SCGH.
 - KEMH Patient Accommodation – following a Board tour of these facilities concerns regarding appropriateness of accommodation was raised and further information is now being gathered for presenting back to the Committee.
 - People, Engagement and Culture (PEC) Committee focussed on –
 - Mental Health staff presentation to the Committee with an update regarding the work being implemented in relation to improving staff engagement.
 - People Engagement Culture Advisory Council terms of reference – membership being reviewed to ensure the council can co-opt members as required.



- The Chief Executive provided the Board with an update on key issues for NMHS inclusive of an update in relation to the psychosocial risk assessment of Mental Health, Public Health and Dental Services (MHPHDS) following the issuing of a WorkSafe Improvement Notice in mid-2019.
 - Following completion of the risk assessment an Implementation Framework was reviewed and accepted by WorkSafe WA.
 - A dedicated team appointed by the Chief Executive and Executive Director Business and Performance are now in place – CREW (Care, Respect and Engagement in the Work Place) and are responsible for coordinating the engagement of staff at all levels within MHPHDS to identify and develop implementation strategies that respond to the recommendations in the Implementation Framework.
 - The Board will continue to receive updates regarding action in this space and the CREW team will be presenting to the People, Engagement and Culture Advisory Council in November 2020.
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The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled to be held on Friday 27 November 2020.

Jim McGinty, Chair
North Metropolitan Health Service Board
30 October 2020