



NMHS Board

Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 26 November 2021 in the Noongar Season of Kambarang at NMHS Executive Office.



During the Kambarang season we see an abundance of colours and flowers exploding all around us. Many things are undergoing transformation with the warm change in the weather.

Update from the Mental Health Commissioner, Ms Jen McGrath:

Ms McGrath attended the meeting and provide the Board with an update in relation to the MHC structure and sector governance; Strategic Directions – The Plan, State Priorities & Reform Projects; Initiatives coming on line and an update on key reform projects. As a result of the update a workshop will be scheduled early next year with the Board, NET and clinicians to undertake a more in-depth review of the updates provided.

HSS Network Infrastructure Refresh Program:

Representatives from HSS provided the Board with an update in relation to work being undertaken to address security of our computer network from malicious acts.

Major Infrastructure Project Update:

Ms Tanya Adair, Executive Director Major Infrastructure Projects provided the Board with an update on the following major projects

- Spinal Cord Injury Service Relocation
- JHC Development Stage 2
- Women and Newborn Service Relocation Project
- Graylands and Forensics Reconfiguration

Board Committee Updates:

The Board reviewed the minutes of its Committees and were provided with a precis from each Chair as follows:

- People, Engagement and Culture Committee
- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee
- Finance Committee.
- Audit & Risk Committee.

These reports highlighted the increasing demand, staffing and budget pressures that NMHS is managing while working to maintain safe, high quality clinical care. The maintenance of grass-roots impetus for cultural change while ensuring that





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organisational culture is a key focus of management remains a challenge for the organisation. The Board is concerned about an increase in sentinel events and is exploring the relationship of these to increased demand, while developing a safety-focused response.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

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

- Ongoing pressure on the system with capacity and staffing issues remaining at a critical level.
- Mandatory Vaccinations and the impacts this is having across the organisation.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 28 January 2022. The Board would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We look forward to continuing to work with you in 2022 which we are sure will continue to bring us all challenges.

