



NMHS Board Update

February 2022

This update highlights key discussions from the NMHS Board meeting held on 25 February 2022 in the Noongar Season of Bunuru via MS TEAMS.

Board Members present

Chair Professor David Forbes AM
Deputy Chair Ms Rebecca Strom
Dr Hilary Fine
Ms Angela Edwards
Professor Paul Norman
Ms Paula Rogers
Mr Steve Toutountzis

A cause for celebration

- 92% of NMHS staff have received their third vaccination.
- A dedicated staff parenting room opened at OPH for parents coming back to work while still breastfeeding.
- HoD of Nutrition and Dietetics at SCGOPHCG Cesarito Marzo retired after 45 years in the profession and 18 years as department head. Ces always advocated strongly for her staff and the profession and elevated the reputation of the HSP.
- Graylands Hospital's Extended Care Service Welfare Officer Remi Toluwade won the Department of Training and Workforce Development's Cultural Diversity Training Award and is also Ambassador of the Year for North Metropolitan TAFE 2021/22.

Welcome:

We welcomed a new member, Mr Tony Evans. Tony is a certified practicing accountant and an experienced non-executive director who will strengthen the Board's knowledge and understanding across several areas but with a focus on Finance and Audit and Risk management. More information about Tony, and the Board as a whole can be found on the [hub](#) page.

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 Respect. We noted some significant NMHS good stories. (see side panel page)

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

Updates and discussion focused on COVID-19 readiness and activity plus discussion of key issues including the work of Safety and Quality teams across NMHS to address Sentinel Events and SAC1 Clinical Incidents and Aluminium Cladding Panels remediation for NMHS.

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

Board endorsements and strategic discussion:

We reviewed and endorsed –

- NMHS Internal Audit Charter
- NMHS Board Finance Committee Terms of Reference
- NMHS Board Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference



We continued our work identifying Board priorities for 2022 and aligning these with the NMHS Strategic Plan and the Sustainable Health Review.

Independent Review of Governance of the Health Service Act 2016:

On the 18 January 2022 the Minister for Health announced the appointment of an expert panel to conduct an independent governance review of the *Health Services Act 2016*. The review will look at how well the design and operation of the governance system in place is working and what can be improved.

We met the panel members and had a brief discussion on the key focus of the review and how future engagement will occur. If you would like to get involved there will be opportunity to share your experiences and you can contact the project team by emailing IndependentGovernanceReview@health.wa.gov.au



Bunuru is the hottest time of the year with little to no rain. Hot easterly winds continue with a cooling sea breeze most afternoons if you're close to the coast.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 25 March 2022.



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