



NMHS Board Update

June 2022

This update highlights key discussions from the NMHS Board meeting held on 24 June 2022 in the Noongar Season of Makuru via MS TEAMS.

Board Members present

Chair Professor David Forbes AM
Deputy Chair Ms Rebecca Strom
Dr Hilary Fine
Ms Paula Rogers
Mr Steve Toutountzis
Mr Tony Evans
Ms Kim Farmer

A cause for celebration

- Two NMHS staff were recognised in the Queen's Birthday honours list. Professor Graham Barrett AM, consultant ophthalmologist at SCGH was awarded an Order of Australia for service to Ophthalmology and professional organisations and Ms Annette Barton OAM, Head of Occupational Therapy at SCGH was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to occupational therapy and commitment to achieving best patient outcomes through transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary models.
- It was announced last week that the role of Aboriginal Health Practitioner (AHP) is to be established in WAS, and we can expect to see our first AHPRA registered AHPs in 2023.
- Charities Foundation for Research awarded \$638,000 in twenty-three small grants to support translational research.

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 also continue to note some significant NMHS good news stories. (See side panel page)

Presentation to the Board:

- Department of Treasury – Michael Andrews and Anita Zuvella met with the Board and provided us with an overview of the Annual Budget and Mid-Year Review process as well as their reflections on how Health Service Providers in general can improve on their Business Cases and increase the likelihood of getting a successful outcome.
- Executive Director Major Infrastructure Projects – Tanya Adair provided the Board with an update on the following major projects –
 - Joondalup Health Campus Development Stage 2
 - Spinal Cord Injury Service Reconfiguration
 - Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensics Project
 - Women and Newborn Service Relocation Project.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

Updates and discussion focused on the review of current issues – COVID, demand in the system and Ambulance Ramping.

The Board Chair also acknowledged Ms Kim Farmer whose tenure with the Board finishes on the 30 June and thanked her for her invaluable contribution to the Board, not limited to her graceful emphasis on recognition of and appropriate response to our relationship with Aboriginal Australians.

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 Attestation Statement 2021/22
- NMHS Internal Audit Attestation Statement 2021/22
- NMHS Clinical Incidents and Sentinel Events Remediation Plan and quarterly update to the Director General.
- Service Level Agreement – PathWest and NMHS 2022/23

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 29 July 2022.



Makuru season is the season of cold fronts. This is usually the wettest part of the year. The rains replenish inland water resources.



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