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This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 30 July 2024 at the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom

Board Members Present

Ms Pia Turcinov AM, Board Chair
Dr Denise Glennon, Deputy Board Chair
Mr Ross Keesing
Ms Tracey Moroney
Ms Vanessa Elliott
Dr Steven Patchett
Ms Elizabeth Koff

Board Leader Rounding

EMHS People and Culture – Ross Keesing and Vanessa Elliott; RPH Freedom of Information – Elizabeth Koff; RPH Acute Medical Unit (AMU) – Denise Glennon & Tracey Moroney; RPH Pharmacy – Pia Turcinov



Board Chair – Ms Pia Turcinov

The Board members held the July Board Meeting at the East Metropolitan Health Service Chief Executive Office Boardroom and undertook leader rounding in designated areawide and RPH services.

Ms Turcinov attended the monthly Ambulance Ramping Taskforce meeting on 11 July 2024, with key discussions around the demand for aged care services, WA Health Ambulance Ramping Strategy and long stay patient cohorts.

Ms Turcinov also attended the Health Service Provider (HSP) Board Chair's Meeting which was held on 2 July 2024 at the WACHS corporate offices. Several items of common interest were discussed, such as coding workforce challenges, current budget, and Service Level Agreement (SLA) processes, as well as issues raised concerning ageing infrastructure.

Ms Turcinov and Ms Miller (Acting CE) met with the Minister for Health on 15 July 2024 for their regular scheduled meeting, with discussions revolving around current EMHS Business Cases, major capital projects and operational programs including Co HIVE, Next Step and Mental Health initiatives.

The Minister for Health has formally extended contracts to existing Board Members Dr Denise Glennon, Mr Ross Keesing and Professor Moroney. In addition, a new member will be joining the Board in August and I look forward to providing further details in the next few weeks.



A/Chief Executive – Ms Sandra Miller

Ms Miller provided an update on key matters across EMHS including:

- The operational challenges being experienced most recently with demand and patient flow due to winter illness and activity and the pressures felt in particular within the Emergency Departments.
- EMHS has completed final drafting of its 2023-24 Annual Report.
- EMHS has submitted 16 nominations for the WA Health Excellence Awards.

Site Updates

The Executive Director – Royal Perth Bentley Group, Mr Ben Noteboom, provided an update on RPBG matters this month, including:

- RPH received a very positive result from the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) Anaesthetic training program accreditation.
- NAIDOC events were celebrated across RPH and BHS sites.

The Executive Director – Armadale Kalamunda Group, Mr Neil Cowan, provided an update on AKG matters this month, including:

- Kalamunda Hospital commenced weekend admissions, supporting flow from Armadale.

Presentations to the Board

The EMHS Board Members hosted Senior Nursing Directors from across EMHS sites as well as representatives from the Australian Signals Directorate – Mr Stuart Smith and Theo Anton.

The Board welcomed Damian Cann, Annette Baker, Kelly-Ann Hahn, Rebecca Crellin, Helen Fullarton, Dene Olive, Denver Prince and Dori Lombardi to the meeting. The senior nursing directors provided an overview of their roles at EMHS and shared their experience, achievements, and challenges within their areas.

Overall, the nursing directors have seen improvements in culture changes and communication, with the senior nursing leadership demonstrating positive role models for their staff. They advised the Board that staff safety, including violence and aggression in the workforce continues to be a high focus area and concern.

Stuart Smith and Theo Anton provided a summary of the Australian Signals Directorate services and examples current cyber-attacks that have occurred and the case studies in dealing with these events.

Committee Reports

The Board discussed reports from the Chairs of the Board Safety & Quality, Operational Performance & Strategy, and Board Finance Committees.

Safety & Quality:

- The Committee had a presentation from Mr Zi Foo on the RPBG Accreditation Preparation Portal.
- Applications have been received from the Expression of Interest for a Consumer Representative for the Committee. Interviews will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Operational Performance & Strategy:

- The Committee received updates on the Innovation Hub and the Digital Medical Record upgrade.
- The Committee discussed operational performance KPIs, Digital Strategy Implementation and Research and Innovation activities.
- The EMHS Board Members have also been participating in the Aboriginal Health Champions Program.

Finance:

- The Committee discussed the EMHS financial matters for the month.
- The Committee received an update on progress against the RPH Fire Safety Program.