



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's November meeting as well as other important information.

November 2016 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on 10 November 2016 at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH), where the Board either discussed or received presentations or reports on the following areas:

Safety and quality

- The Board discussed the safety and quality report update which they receive monthly, in particular the performance of timely discharge summaries and their importance to safety and quality. Other performance measures discussed included the WA Emergency Access Target; hand hygiene and waiting times for initial outpatient appointments.
- The Board also received information relating to the National Safety and Quality Healthcare Standards Self-assessment progress report, and noted the accreditation process which will take place next year.

Employee experience/ organisational culture

- The Board received a presentation from A/ Professor Donald Payne, Chair of the Clinical Staff Association.
- The Board noted their congratulations to the PMH Complex Pain team for winning the 'Strengthening Families and Communities' category of the 2016 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management.

Finance

- CAHS monthly finances and activity reports were presented to the Board by the Executive Director Finance, Procurement and Contract Management, where the Board had opportunity to discuss the activity trends across the health service and the strategies underway to address CAHS' long term financial sustainability.
- The Board also endorsed the Chairs of the Finance and Audit and Risk Committees to meet with the Auditor General.

PCH Commissioning

- The Board were joined by Dr Russell-Weisz, Director General Department of Health; and Rebecca Brown, Deputy Director General Department of Health; to discuss the transition of governance of the Perth Children's Hospital from the State to CAHS.

- The Board finished off the meeting with a tour of PCH as part of their induction training, lead by Dr David Andrews, Director of Surgery & Cardiothoracic Surgeon. At this time they also received an update from Dr Gervase Chaney, Executive Director of PCH, on the latest progress of the commissioning of the hospital.

Audit and Risk

- There have been no Audit and Risk Committee meetings since the last Board meeting.

Board administration

- The Board endorsed the Board Code of Conduct.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting, which will be the last for 2016, has been scheduled for 08 December 2016.

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16 November 2016