



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's July 2019 meeting as well as other important information.

July 2019 Board Meeting

The sixth Board Meeting for 2019 was held on 26 July 2019 at the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH).

Patient Experience

The Board discussed a patient experiences concerning a staff member's attitude, and noted the CAHS' response.

The Board received reports from its four Standing Committees as follows:

Safety and Quality

- The Board noted the general recommendations regarding consumer information progress report; falls data; and access complaints.
- The Board also noted that a full report on a SAC 1 incident in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit had been requested.
- The Board endorsed the signing of the CAHS' Australian Council on Healthcare Standards Attestation Statement upon its completion.
- The Board agreed to the Safety and Quality Committee meeting monthly as of September 2019 to ensure that safety and quality data is assessed in a timely manner, and to reflect the criticality of safety and quality in general.

Finance

- The Board noted the finance report to 30 June 2019.
- The Board endorsed the Health Support Services 2019-20 Service Level Agreement.
- The Board endorsed the Section 40 Annual Estimates to be submitted to the Minister, together with a letter noting the financial risks regarding PBS drugs; Operating Cost Model; Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; non-admitted activity; and Sustainable Health Review – CAHS Co-location Hub.
- The Board will receive information regarding the Office of the Auditor General's interim findings in August, and in the meantime noted that:
 - that the emergency department data presentation and date findings are of a significant nature; and
 - that there was no improvement in the timeliness of patient billings and accuracy of medical practitioners' elections.

Audit and Risk

- The Board noted that in relation to Extreme and High Risk, the owner of Risk 0697 regarding acknowledging pathology results will provide a status report of progress to the Board's Safety and Quality Committee.
- The Board noted that closeout risk reports will be reported to the Board through the Audit and Risk Committee.

People, Capability and Culture Committee

- The Board noted that the results of the Minister's survey results will be provided to the Board, and that the actions arising will be monitored by the People, Capability and Culture Committee.

The Board heard information on:

Clinical Advisory Group

- The Board noted the Clinical Advisory Group's support of an electronic medical/health record, and its view on the improvement of performance management in CAHS, particularly in nursing and medical workforce.

CAHS Annual Report

The Board reviewed the draft Annual Report 2018-19 and provided amendments.

Boardwalks

The Board noted the Boardwalk schedule for 2019-20, whereby Board members and the Chief Executive visit different areas across CAHS.

Board evaluation

The Board participated in the scoping of the design of the Board evaluation.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Friday 23 August 2019.

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