



## **Communique**

### **Child and Adolescent Health Service**

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) Board's October 2021 meeting as well as other important information.

#### **September 2021 Board Meeting**

The ninth Board Meeting was held on 7 October 2021 in the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Boardroom.

#### **Mental Health Commission**

The Board were provided a presentation by Ms Jennifer McGrath, Commissioner, Mental Health Commission (MHC) regarding the MHC strategic direction, upcoming initiatives and an update on key reform projects.

The Board discussed the provision of mental health services for children, funding for the current services and investment in future growth.

#### **CAHS Strategic Plan**

The Board were provided a presentation by Ms Ann Blunden, Director, Strategy and Planning introducing the Strategy, Planning and Innovation team functions, and outlining strategic planning and framework considerations to inform the Board Strategic Planning Day.

In addition, the Board discussed the 2021-22 CAHS Operational Plan including timelines, targets and success measures.

#### **CAHS Clinical Governance Framework**

The Board reviewed the CAHS Clinical Governance Framework, noting items for updating within the document and acknowledging that a further review would need to be undertaken following the development of the CAHS Strategic Plan.

#### **Board Committees**

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

##### **Safety and Quality Committee**

The Board noted:

- the draft minutes of the meeting 14 September 2021;

- the CAHS policy update report including completed and overdue policies and the action plan to complete these;
- the Safety and Quality Committee concerns regarding reporting of research as Quality Improvement projects and the current review of GEKO; and
- the SAC1 Clinical Incidents and Recommendations report.

The Board discussed:

- Key Performance Indicators related to Two-Year Old Health Checks;
- development of the CAHS Research Operational Plan;
- the organisation ability to identify and report data related to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) patients and families within clinical incident reporting;
- the Training Action Plan for cultural competency for CaLD consumers;
- the rating of elective surgery, Neonatal Emergency Transport Service (NETS) and the Gender Diversity Service as high risk issues;
- the development of a business case to expand the Child Development Services;
- the completion of a review of the physical safety of staff in aging infrastructure; and
- the SAC1 close out reporting process

### **Finance Committee**

The Board noted:

- the draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 28 September 2021.

The Board discussed:

- the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) received from Health Support Services (HSS) and PathWest;
- Parking access on the QEII site;
- the CAHS Medical Equipment Replacement Program (MERP) including funding requirements; and
- CAHS infrastructure capacity.

### **Audit and Risk Committee**

The Board noted that there was no meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee in September 2021.

### **People, Capability and Culture Committee**

The Board noted:

- The draft minutes of the People, Capability and Culture Committee 17 September 2021.

The Board discussed:

- The gap analysis completed regarding the incoming Work, Health and Safety (WHS) legislation;
- the redesigned Nursing communication structure including the commissioning of the Nursing Executive Committee; and

- the introduction of the new Learning Management System.

### **Chief Executive update**

The Board received a verbal update from the CE including:

- the progress of the Independent Inquiry into PCH;
- the Children's Hospice WA project;
- Women and Newborn services Relocation Project;
- Development of the Electronic Medical Records business case;
- ongoing progress related to the development and implementation of Aishwarya's Care Call;
- implementation of recommendations related to the ANF 10 point plan and RCA;
- CAHS Community Hub Project; and
- CAHS COVID 19 readiness and vaccination program.

### **Other Matters**

The Board received updates regarding:

- CAHS readiness for Accreditation;
- the Emergency Telehealth Service;
- the CAHS Strategic Risk Register; and
- the ongoing activity within the CAMHS reform program.

The Board endorsed the CAHS Annual Governance Attestation Statement for provision to the Minister.

### **Board Activity**

The Board Chair continued to meet with key stakeholders within CAHS including:

- Ronald McDonald House Charities regarding maximising outdoor play space at PCH
- The Chief Medical Officer regarding Neonatology services across the system; and
- General Practice Liaison Coordinator regarding collaboration with and development of GP relationships.

In addition, the Board Chair visited the CAHS Neonatology services at King Edward Memorial Hospital and attended meetings with the Minister for Health and Director General.

The Board attended its biannual meeting with the Minister for Health and Director General regarding current issues and activity.

### **Consumer Engagement**

The Board discussed the current status of the Speaking Up for Safety program and reflected on the patient journey of CaLD families within the organisation particularly language barriers impacting on clinical care.

## Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Thursday 4 November 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosanna Capolingua', written in a cursive style.

Dr Rosanna Capolingua  
Board Chair  
Child and Adolescent Health Service  
19 October 2021