



Board Communique

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BOARD CHAIR

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) Board meeting held on 6 February 2025. It was hosted at the recently opened Midland Hub.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Board welcomed Ms Pamela Michael as the new Chair, following the stepping down of Dr Rosanna Capolingua AM in December 2024. The Board acknowledged the valuable contribution Dr Capolingua made during her tenure with CAHS.

MIDLAND HUB TOUR

The Board met with Midland Hub staff and toured the facilities. They discussed effective use of the resources, and consumer feedback and engagement in future developments. They discussed the change of the Hub Leadership Model and were pleased with the creation of the Aboriginal Health Liaison position.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT COMMUNITY HEALTH (CACH)

Child Development Service (CDS)

The Board discussed the Child Development Service (CDS) reform, with a focus on recruitment lift, the appointment of the first of the permanent Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer positions, utilisation of clinical spaces, changes in model of care and models of practice, the paediatric service reform, and increase in the clinical time available.

The Board highlighted their expectation that the workforce uplift will reduce CDS waiting lists.

CACH Immunisation Service Review

The Board discussed access to immunisations, new initiatives across the system and innovative approaches to meet needs. CACH is exploring opportunities to improve accessibility and increase immunisation rates.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH (CAMHS)

The Board discussed the Executive Director Report, Mental Health, service updates and a presentation by the Acute Care Response Team (ACRT). The Board discussed the development of a program evaluation framework. The Board also discussed expansion of ICAMHS to WA Community Health Service.



ABORIGINAL HEALTH

Director Aboriginal Health Report

The Board discussed the Director Aboriginal Health Report, noting the implemented recommendations and progress of the Aboriginal Cultural Training Framework. The Board highlighted embedding cultural safety across all services and engaging Aboriginal consumers through the CAHS Consumer Leadership Council.

Presentation by Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service

The Board welcomed representatives from the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service (DYHS) and discussed reinforcing support for Aboriginal families by strengthening partnerships between both organisations. The Board requested regular updates regarding the partnership with DYHS.

CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT

Consumer engagement remains a key focus for the Board, and they discussed updates provided by the Consumer Leadership Council (CLC). The Board expressed their gratitude for the insights provided by CLC members, Ms Amelie Farrell and Ms Amber Bates.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Board discussed the Chief Executive Report, including the Legal update, CAHS Performance report and CAHS Medical Workforce update.

SAFETY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

The Board noted the Safety and Quality Committee Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the meeting held 10 December 2024.

Key discussion items included: referral management and response to families, immunisation rates for Aboriginal children, launch of the ENT Personified Care pilot project, clinical incident management improvement program, Medication Safety report, consumer feedback and consumer engagement strategy, theatre key performance indicators, and risk deep dive reports.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

The Board noted the Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the meeting held 17 December 2024.

The Board endorsed the closure of recommendations. Key discussion items included the Striving for Excellence audit and report, ICT risks and compliance update.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was noted that the Finance Committee did not meet in December 2024. The Board discussed Business Case submissions.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held on 6 March 2025, at Perth Children's Hospital.