



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's July 2021 meeting as well as other important information.

July 2021 Board Meeting

The sixth Board Meeting for 2021 was held on 1 July 2021 in the PCH Boardroom.

The Board welcomed Dr Rosanna Capolingua as the newly appointed Board Chair and thanked Dr Geoff Dobb and Ms Di Twigg for taking on the roles of A/Board Chair and A/Deputy Board Chair respectively.

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

Safety and Quality

The Board noted:

- the draft minutes of the meeting 8 June 2021;
- the ongoing actions related to:
 - reform of the CAHS CAMHS services including implementation of the recommendations from the Chief Psychiatrist Review into the death of Kate Savage; and
 - redesign of the model of care for Gender Diversity Service and Eating Disorder Service;
- that CAHS preparation for Accreditation is ongoing; and
- CAHS activity related to SAC1 investigations; trends, timelines for RCA's and development of recommendations, and the compliance with close out of recommendations and audit. Delays in these processes increase risk.

The Board discussed the Annual Attestation Statement presented at the meeting, raising concerns regarding the completeness of evidence and requested further actions prior to endorsement.

Finance

The Board noted:

- the draft minutes of the meeting 22 June 2021;
- the draft Service Level Agreement and discussed funding levels and additional items expected to be included as an amendment to the Deed of Agreement following finalisation of the state budget process;
- Items requiring clarification included Emergency Department funding and Covid-19 funding; and
- The completion of the Asset Write off process

The Board endorsed the 2019-2020 Mental Health Commission SLA expressing concerns regarding the timeliness of the SLA and expectations that the 2020-2021 SLA would be presented earlier. They also noted that additional service developments including outpatient services and Eating Disorder Clinic funding were not included within the SLA impacting on service delivery.

Audit and Risk

The Board noted:

- the draft minutes of the meeting 16 June 2021;
- and endorsed the alternative arrangements for purchasing and payments as per the Treasurer's Instructions; and
- the Closure of the Financial Controls Audit and discussed the 2021-2024 Internal Audit Plan. An increased focus on audit of compliance in clinical areas was discussed.

People, Capability and Culture Committee

The Board noted that there was no PCC meeting in June 2021

Chief Executive update

The Board received a verbal update from the CE including:

- the progress on recommendations from the Root Cause Analysis report into unexpected death in the Emergency Department;
- development of and integrated model of care for the Eating Disorders service;
- actions undertaken regarding absconding patients from PCH;
- the CAHS Operational Plan;
- Child Safe Organisation Action plan;
- Health Recovery Program, QEII Medical Centre Design Guidelines
- COVID-19 response and vaccination program;
- CAHS TV documentary update; and
- CAHS accreditation preparation.

The Board noted a presentation by the Executive Director Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service regarding the Gender Diversity Service and Eating Disorder Service.

The Board was provided with a presentation on the new Workplace, Health and Safety legislation and impact on CAHS.

Clinical Advisory Group

The Board noted that there was no CAG meeting in June 2021. .

Board Activity

The Board completed Boardwalks to Maddington Child Health and Community Centre and PCH Emergency Department in June/July 2021. Further Boardwalks impacted by the recent COVID-19 lockdown will be rescheduled.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Thursday 5 August 2021.

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Child and Adolescent Health Service
19 July 2021