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LISTENING TO OUR CONSUMERS

The Board understands the importance of listening to our consumers to ensure that the strategic decisions we make are in the best interests of every child, young person and family in our care.

The Board is provided monthly with consumer stories, complaints, compliments, and meeting minutes. Invitations to Board meetings are extended on a rotational basis to the Chairs of the Youth, Consumer and Aboriginal Advisory Councils.

This month the Board discussed VEEG Services and minutes from the CAG, YAC and CAMHS LEG meetings. The Board requested:

- The Board requested a status update regarding their recommendation to outsource VEEG services.
- The Board advised that consumer groups should be engaged with regarding common issues from their perspectives.
- The Board enquired into CAHS's efforts to improve ED Neurodiversity Care and sought details on the action plan and implementation timeline.

CAHS Board Communique

This communique provides information regarding the discussions and outcomes from the CAHS Board meeting held on Thursday, 2 November.

KEY ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- **Ward 5A:** The Board discussed the model of care, with a focus on community-based treatment and promoting early intervention. The Board discussed the existing challenges and noted the onboarding of a Senior Nurse to oversee the safety and quality of the service on the Ward.
- **Clinical Incident Reports:** The Board discussed the Clinical Incidents Management Report, with a focus on open disclosure, efficiency of implemented recommendations and relationship building with families where an investigation is being undertaken.
- **Nurse-to-patient ratios and supernumerary teams.**
- **PCH&N Executive Report,** The Board requested a thorough review of the PCH theatre capacity and outsourcing so as to maximise services and address elective surgery wait lists.
- **Child and Community Health,** The Board discussed the progress of an extended/weekend hours trial for Child Development Services and the decision to continue the extended operating hours with consideration at other sites.
- CAHS performance against the **Health Service Performance Report** including PCH demand and capacity.
- Updates regarding the **New Women and Babies Hospital;**
- Ongoing **reform for mental health inpatient services,** noting the expected outcomes within 12 months.
- The progress of the **WA Children's Hospice** project.

BOARD STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Board is committed to engaging with all our stakeholders and partners to ensure that we have the expertise and capacity to provide world-standard care and services.

This month the Board and Chair activity included meetings with:

- Minister for Health;
- Director General;
- 2023 Telethon – Visit by the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese;
- CAHS CE and EDSQ&I regarding Clinical Incident Management Reporting;
- Parliamentary Secretary visit.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Board welcomed a new member, Ms Karen Strickland, and approved her Committee membership:

- People, Capability and Culture Committee, and
- Safety and Quality Committee.

BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES:

SAFETY AND QUALITY (S&Q) COMMITTEE

The Board discussed meeting minutes and recommendations from the Safety & Quality meeting held 10 October 2023, including:

- services provided on the Ward 5A, including the restraint and seclusion practices, admission criteria and ongoing reforms;
- biannual report regarding Discharge Summary compliance

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE (ARC)

The Board noted minutes and recommendations from the ARC meeting held 17 October 2023, including:

- the Internal Audit Performance Report 2022-23;
- the Internal Audit Dashboard Report Q1: 2023-24;
- the risk Dashboard Q1;
- the Board approved changes to Risk ratings; and
- proposed dates for the ICT Disaster Recovery test

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the minutes and recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting on 24 October, including:

Budget Submissions for:

- * Mental Health Paediatric Eating Disorders Unit;
- * Child Development Service;
- * Community Hubs Operating Cost Model;
- * Expansion and New Facility – CAMHS;
- * Position Emission Tomography – Computerised Tomography;
- * Magnetic Resonance Imaging 1.5T; and
- * Establishment of a Practice Centre for Patients with Differences in Sex Development

THE BOARD ENDORSEMENTS:

- Clinical Alerts Committee EOFY Reporting 2022-23 for the progression to the Department of Health;
- Budget submissions, subject to additional information;
- Audit Scope of the Financial Planning Audit;
- the Ward 5A Model of Care and the Working with Families Framework.