



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service Board

This Communique highlights key discussions from the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) Board's August 2022 meeting as well as other important information.

The seventh Board Meeting for 2022 was held on 4 August 2022 via MS Teams.

The Board welcomed new Board members Dr Shane Kelly, Ms Nicole Lockwood and Ms Pamela Michael.

Consumer Engagement

The Board welcomed Chair, Aboriginal Advisory Committee and discussed:

- the importance of the CAHS Reconciliation Plan; and
- integration of data related to Aboriginal people within the Quality Account.

The Board discussed Complaints and Compliments related to:

- COVID screening process;
- clinical assessment and noting of parental concern; and
- communication.

The Board noted additional information regarding the Transition Services for Eating Disorder Services patients including:

- consistency of policies across CAMHS and CH;
- Statewide development of EDS services for patients over 16 years and its integration with CAHS services; and
- clinical handover and shared care guidelines.

The Board noted the minutes of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) and Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

The Board discussed the progress of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accountability Program, its implementation as a 6-month pilot program at CAHS and the need for an overarching framework.

Key Issues Reports

The Board discussed key issues within CAHS including:

1. *COVID Preparedness*



Healthy kids, healthy communities

Compassion

Excellence

Collaboration

Accountability

Equity

Respect

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The Board noted the report provided including current COVID-19 activity within CAHS and the impact of moving to a Blue SAR including ongoing infection control requirements. The Board discussed the impact of the Red SAR restrictions on patient flow and discussed strategies to address resulting surgical waitlist issues.

2. CAMHS

The ED CAMHS updated the Board regarding:

- physical spaces in 5A and improvements slated to occur on the back of the Architect's report and consumer feedback;
- utilisation of outdoor spaces within PCH;
- CAMHS executive leadership reform;
- progress against the ICA Mental Health Taskforce Report and commencement of the Oversight Committee; and
- WA Suicide Register and data management.

3. Community Health

The ED Community Health updated the Board regarding:

- the Aboriginal Health Team including workforce issues;
- delivery of school health programs and understanding of role by Departments of Education, Communities and Health;
- Child Development Service waitlists and workforce issues.

4. Independent Inquiry in to PCH/Aishwarya's death

The Board noted the progress report of the Independent Inquiry into PCH and the implementation of actions and ongoing monitoring.

The Board Chair advised of communication to and from Aswath regarding participation within the Aishwarya Aswath Foundation and naming of Aishwarya within the CAHS Multicultural Action Plan foreward.

Major Projects

The Board discussed updates on major projects including:

1. Midland and Murdoch Community Hubs

The Board discussed identified challenges, including budget and project delivery timeframes and negotiation of the additional 1000sqm space at Murdoch Hub.

2. WA Children's Hospice

The Board were advised that site works were ready to be undertaken and that the agreement for lease was with PCHF. The Board discussed current media associated with the project.

3. Infrastructure

The Board discussed:

- opening of outdoor spaces at PCH including the consideration of utilising space at Kings Park and the development of the Northern Green Space; and
- management of OSH issues within the Neonatology Unit at KEMH.

Regular Reports

The Board was provided with Clinical Incident and Recommendations Reports for SAC1, 2 and 3 and discussed:

- CAHS Sepsis working group and clinical care standard including reporting;
- trends of sepsis in neonatology and requested further information;
- audit report related to fentanyl overdose; and
- SAC2&3 trends regarding medication errors and behavioural incidents.

The Board was provided with the Balanced Scorecard and discussed:

- strategies to address patient flow and waitlist;
- follow up for community mental health patients;
- CAHS leave liability and management; and
- CAHS FTE.

The Board were provided with the following reports:

- CAHS Draft Annual Report;
- Statewide Approach to Paediatrics; and
- ED Access Block data.

Chief Executive Report

The Board noted the Chief Executive report and discussed:

- preparation for the Coronial Inquest into the death of Aishwarya Aswath;
- development of an ethical framework regarding donations;
- development of a Functional Neurological Disorder Service;
- progress regarding the AREST/CF research project; and
- development of the CAHS Clinical Research Centre and Research Governance Framework.

CAHS Strategic Plan

The Board were provided with the final draft of the CAHS Strategic Plan for feedback. The updated draft would be provided to the September Board meeting for endorsement.

Board Committees

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

1. Safety and Quality Committee

The Board noted the Safety & Quality Chair Report and draft minutes of the meeting 12 July 2022

2. Finance Committee

The Board noted the Finance Committee Chair Report and draft minutes of the meeting 27 July 2022 and resolved to endorse the following Committee Recommendations:

- To endorse the 2022-23 PathWest Service Level Agreement subject to the inclusion of terms for notification of relevant adverse audit findings; and
- To endorse the 2022-23 Health Support Services Service Level Agreement.

3. Audit and Risk Committee

The Board noted the Audit and Risk Committee Chair Report and minutes of the 19 July 2022 meeting and resolved to endorse the following Committee Recommendation:

- to endorse payment of the RiskCover invoice in the sum of \$12,884,170;

The Board discussed the CAHS Child Safety and Protection Audit Report and expressed concern regarding the key findings including the management of volunteer vetting protocols for non-CAHS groups.

4. People, Capability and Culture Committee

The Board noted that there was no meeting of the People, Culture and Capability Committee in July 2022.

Board Chair Activity

The Board Chair attended the Board and Committee meetings in July 2022 and maintained regular meetings with the Minister for Health, Director General and Chief. The Board Chair also met with all new members of the CAHS Board as part of their induction process.

The Board Chair attended meetings with:

- Deloitte regarding development of the CAHS Strategic Leadership Alignment series;
- KPMG regarding the Risk Management Internal Audit; and
- ICA Mental Health Taskforce Ministerial Oversight Committee.

The Board Chair continued to take a key role in:

- Department of Health Level 3 Intervention;
- Development of the CAHS Strategic Plan;
- Progress of recommendations from the Independent Inquiry into PCH; and
- COVID-19 activities.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Thursday 1 September 2022

Dr Rosanna Capolingua

BOARD CHAIR

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH SERVICE

28 August 2022