



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service Board

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

The sixth Board Meeting for 2022 was held on 7 July 2022 via MS Teams.

The Board acknowledged the changes in Board membership welcoming Ms Michael and thanking Prof Dobb, Ms Bowen and Ms Donaldson for their contribution to the CAHS Board.

Consumer Engagement

The Board discussed Complaints and Compliments related to transition services for children from CAHS, including communication and coordination of care and additional information provided as a result of the complaints provided in June 2022 including:

1. provision of discharge summary information to patients and clinicians from the CAHS Emergency Department;
2. criteria for interhospital transfer of neonates;
3. benchmarking data for CAHS regarding the use of restraints; and
4. care coordination.

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

Presentation

The Board welcomed the Commissioner for Children and Young People to the Board meeting and discussed:

- the Commissioner's role and the interface between CAHS and CCYP;
- current CCYP projects particularly those related to mental health; and
- gaps in service delivery for children and young people.

Key Issues Reports

The Board discussed key issues within CAHS including:

1. *Accreditation*

The Board were provided with an update regarding CAHS Accreditation activity and endorsed that CAHS move to participate within the short notice assessment pathway for Accreditation.

2. *COVID Preparedness*



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Compassion

Excellence

Collaboration

Accountability

Equity

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The Board noted the report provided including current COVID-19 activity within CAHS and the impact of staff furloughs on service provision. The Board discussed the rollback of SHICC, impact of new strains and potential changes to the SAR rating and its impact on CAHS.

3. *CAMHS*

The Board noted the report provided and discussed:

- changes to 5A infrastructure and model of care;
- architectural review of 5A;
- patient mix and allocation to 5A;
- FTE uplift and budget; and
- review and development of the new CAMHS leadership model.

The Board discussed the establishment of the ICA Taskforce Ministerial Oversight Committee acknowledging the appointment of the Board Chair, CE and A/EDCAMHS and that the first meeting will occur in July 2022.

The A/ED CAMHS advised the Board that Telethon had offered funding to fast track one of the infrastructure projects identified within the Taskforce report recommendations.

4. *Community Health*

The Board discussed the following as a result of the EDCH report:

- the impact of COVID on the operations of Community health, Child health and Child Development Services;
- the development of dual COVID ready clinics to address demand issues;
- Child Development Services including demand, wait time challenges, recruitment and infrastructure issues;
- Community Nursing key metrics including Child Health, Immunisation, School Health services work being undertaken to address challenges and research opportunities;
- the CH wait time project and autism spectrum disorder pathway project;
- partnerships with GPs and Pharmacists in the Immunisation program and the role of Community Health to engage populations, particularly in Aboriginal children; and
- the School Health model and the challenging relationship with the Department of Education including development of a memorandum of understanding and clarification as to the school health nurse role and applicable activities.

5. *Independent Inquiry in to PCH/Aishwarya's death*

The Board were provided with a detailed report against the Independent Inquiry recommendations and discussed:

- that Aishwarya has become part of the CAHS culture including at the decision making and operational levels;

- that the actions against the recommendations within the Inquiry Report were presented in a phased approach with the foundational actions completed by June 30 2022 and major milestones are achieved; and
- the next phase is the transitional phase due 30 June 2023 for embedding of recommendations.

Major Projects

The Board discussed updates on major projects as below

1. Midland and Murdoch Community Hubs

The status report was noted, and the Board discussed identified challenges, including escalation of costs, community consultation and project delivery timeframes. The Board were advised that operational budget discussions had begun, with business case to be developed.

2. WA Children's Hospice

The Board noted the report and that the design had been endorsed by both parties. The Board were advised that the agreement of lease had been issued in draft and certain conditions, including management of donations will be included in the agreement. The Board were provided assurance that issues highlighted regarding fire risk had been addressed within the design.

3. Infrastructure

The Board discussed Aluminium Composite Panels at PCH and noted that DoH and DoF are investigating potential performance solutions across all health buildings and further testing of PCH panels before potential performance solutions are considered. The Board agreed that CAHS continue to advise DoH and DoF that the preference is for the panels to be fully replaced given the proximity of the facility to King Park.

Regular Reports

The Board was provided with the Balanced Scorecard, noting the report and discussed:

- abolishment of 2 day follow-up calls after discharge in CAMHS
- immunisation services with other organisations;
- challenges associated with 7 day follow-ups in CAMHS
- policy compliance review dates
- waiting lists for elective surgery
- increasing numbers in median wait time for speech pathology

The Board were provided with additional information related to ED access and noted actions regarding patient flow.

Chief Executive Report

The Board noted the Chief Executive report and discussed:

- the Strategic Plan and the timeline for its finalisation; and

- the Rio Tinto Children's Diabetes centre and raised concerns regarding consideration of ethical concerns when allocating naming rights and entering partnerships.

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 14 June 2022 and noted the Committee Recommendations:

- the good performance reported by the CE for ED presentations that 'did not wait' with the latest rate being 0.5%; and
- that the school-based Immunisation program has been impacted by COVID 19 in Term 1 secondary to COVID, requiring a catch-up program to be undertaken whilst noting that CAHS are undertaking a review of the Immunisation program to determine future structure and priorities to inform funding requirements.

2. Finance Committee

The Board noted the Finance Committee Chair Report and draft minutes of the meeting 28 June 2022 and resolved to endorse the following Committee Recommendations:

- to take a pro-active approach with DoH regarding the development of future Service Agreements to enable it to undertake due diligence and undertake its governance role appropriately.

3. Audit and Risk Committee

The Board noted that there was no June 2022 meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee.

4. People, Capability and Culture Committee

The Board noted the People, Capability and Culture Committee Chair Report and minutes of the 19 June 2022 meeting and endorsed the following Committee recommendations:

- That the target for fulltime employment for clinical staff to be greater than 50% and part-time employment less than 50%.

Board Chair Activity

The Board Chair attended the Board and Committee meetings in May 2022 and maintained regular meetings with the Minister for Health, Director General and Chief. She also attended meetings with:

- external consultant undertaking internal audits in risk management;
- development of strategic leadership programs for CAHS Board;
- development of the CAHS Reconciliation Action Plan video;
- DoH regarding the 10 year Health and Social Care Workforce Strategy;
- Director, Aboriginal Services;

- A/Executive Director Community Health; and
- the ECU Survey team regarding the Department of Health Stakeholder Survey.

The Board Chair continued to take a key role in:

- Department of Health Level 3 Intervention;
- WA Children's Hospice project control group;
- progress of recommendations from the Independent Inquiry into PCH;
- development of the CAHS Strategic Plan;
- COVID-19 activities; and
- recruitment of CAHS Executive Team.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Thursday 4 August 2022

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BOARD CHAIR

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22 July 2022