



## Communique

### July 2019 meeting of the East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS) Board

The EMHS Board meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory and governance function.

This Communique aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board and provides an overview of some items discussed. Due to the sensitivity of items discussed at the Board Meeting not all are included within this Communique. Please forward it onto colleagues and employees who may be interested in its content. All Board Communiques can be accessed [via this link](#).

The meeting of the Board on 30 July 2019 was held in the Boardroom, Kirkman House, East Metropolitan Health Service. The meeting commenced at 12.00 and concluded at 5.00pm.

#### Chief Executive's Update

Liz MacLeod, Chief Executive provided an overview of the current areas of focus across the EMHS.

#### Key Services Update

Mr Nick May, Nurse Educator – Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG), attended the Board Meeting and presented “Stand Up For Safety – a new way of thinking for an old problem”. As part of his presentation Nick provided an overview of knowledge based education and how it doesn't always change peoples behaviour.

As part of the Stand Up For Safety Program, Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) have commenced a project on Prescribing for Safety, which outlines to staff the correct way to complete a patients medication chart.

Mr Anthony Lock, Dr Sumit Sinha-Roy and Dr John Spiro attended the Board Meeting and presented “Nexus – Human Performance Training”. The training is undertaken as half day sessions over 3 parts. The sessions focus on non-technical skills and there have been over 300 graduates from the entire program.

The Board were particularly impressed with the interactive component of the presentation and how they were able to participate with their electronic devices.

Mr Denver Prince, Nurse Unit Manager, Armadale Health Service (AHS) – Intensive Care Unit (ICU) attended the Board Meeting and presented “AHS ICU - the little ICU that can”. The presentation highlighted the fantastic work achieved by the AHS ICU area.

The Board were interested to hear about the work occurring in the Critical Care Outreach Team that contributes to patient safety throughout the hospital pre and post ICU admission and the Patient ICU Diary which provides a dialogue on the patients admission to ICU that is also written from a relatives and visitors perspective.

Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG) Executive Director Lesley Bennett provided a verbal report on RPBG and highlighted areas of focus including WEAT and WEST. The Board were advised that the WEAT Project Team has been established and is preparing a hospital-wide launch on WEAT mitigation strategies in August.



Armadale Kalamunda Group (AKG) Executive Director Di Barr provided a verbal report on AKG and highlighted areas of focus. It was noted that there is significant growth in the South Eastern Corridor and the Executive Team are currently working on hospital avoidance strategies.

### **Board Reports**

The Board received direct reports from the Chairs of the respective Board Committees regarding issues considered at their most recent meetings:

- The EMHS Board Safety and Quality Committee were provided with an overview on the strategies being developed to address the Hospital-Acquired S.Aureus Bacteraemia Infection (SABSI) rates at RPH and Pressure Injuries.
- The EMHS Finance Committee discussed the financial and activity reports.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 27 August 2019

Mr Ian Smith  
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board