



Communique

March 2020 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 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 31 March 2020 was held in the Boardroom, Kirkman House, East Metropolitan Health Service. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 2.00pm. Due to the current COVID-19 situation and social distancing requirements the Board Members attended via video-conference.

Chief Executive's Update

Liz MacLeod, Chief Executive provided an overview of the current areas of focus across the EMHS. A thorough update on COVID-19 was provided to the Board and included an update on the current status and EMHS level of preparedness for the virus.

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 update on the Patient Opinion stories for the month, the Committee noted the overall improvement in the quality of RCA reports relating to mental health patients and the significant progress made in relation to the various EMHS safety & quality initiatives, overseen by the Clinical Outcomes Steering Committee.
- The EMHS Finance Committee discussed financial performance and activity. The Committee were also advised of the new processes that have been established to track and monitor expenditure and activity related to COVID-19.
- The Board congratulated EMHS on the success of the Dementia Program following the article in The Australian Journal of Dementia Care.
- The Board conveyed their thanks and appreciation to all staff for their work and response to the developing COVID-19 situation.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 28 April 2020

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board