



Communique

August 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 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 25 August 2020 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 3.30pm.

Prior to the meeting the EMHS Board members received a tour of the EMHS Command Centre and the Medihotel.

Dr Helen Daly, Chair of the Clinical Staff Association (CSA) attended the meeting and discussed the recent survey results conducted by the CSA in response to the media issues raised on bullying at RPH.

Dr Jessica Haley and Dr Ashleigh Burvill representatives from the Resident Medical Officers (RMO) Society attended the meeting and provided an overview on key topics of focus for the RMO's. The Board were pleased to hear that the RMO's felt a high level of support from the Medical Advisory Committee's and Executive Leads.

Chief Executive's Update

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

The current Health Service Performance Report results were discussed with the Board, highlighting areas to be improved and a key focus for EMHS.

An update was provided on the Electronic Medical Records project and the Aboriginal Cultural competency analysis.

A briefing note on COVID-19 – Highlights and opportunities for EMHS, was presented to the Board which documented a summary of EMHS highlights, support provided to the WA Health System and opportunities for enhancements to the way services are delivered.

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 provided summary of the safety and quality metrics and key areas of focus for the committee.
- Approval of the EMHS Governing Board Attestation Statement lodgement with the Australian Council on HealthCare Standards (ACHS).
- The EMHS Audit and Risk Committee highlighted several key including the report on the review of the WA Public Sector Audit Committees Better practice guide against the EMHS

Board Audit and Risk terms of reference conducted by the EMHS Internal Auditor.

- Approval of the annual Attestation Statement of compliance with the core requirements of the WA Health Internal Audit Policy for Financial Year 2019/20.
- The EMHS Planning and Performance Committee provided a summary of the development of the outpatient reform and obesity prevention strategy 2020-2025. Status report updates were received and noted on the EMHS Older Adult Service Model, EMHS Cancer Implementation Plan and Telehealth.
- The EMHS Finance Committee presented the financial performance and activity. It was noted the Office of the Auditor General Final Audit commenced 24 August.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29 September 2020

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board