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This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 27 August at St John of God Midland Public Private Hospital in the Executive Office Boardroom.

Board Members Present

Pia Turcinov AM, Board Chair
Dr Denise Glennon, Deputy Board Chair
Ross Keesing
Tracey Moroney OAM via Webex
Dr Steven Patchett
Elizabeth Koff AM via Webex
Peter Forbes
Melissa Grove

Board Leader Rounding

Paul Dyer, Chief Executive Officer (SJGMPPH) provided a tour to the Emergency Department and Ambulatory Emergency Care Unit; Mental Health Unit; Stroke Ward and Moort Boodjari Mia areas with Pia Turcinov AM, Peter Forbes, Ross Keesing, Melissa Grove, and Steven Patchett.



Board Chair - Pia Turcinov AM

The August Board Meeting was held at St John of God Public Private Hospital (SJGMPPH) in Midland and enabled Board members to undertake their leader rounding across designated areas within SJGMPPH.

Ms Turcinov welcomed a new EMHS Board Member, Melissa Grove, to her first Board Meeting. Melissa has been undertaking her EMHS induction process and will be attending meetings with the Area Executive Group members over the coming weeks. As a Chartered Accountant and with experience in audit, finance, risk and governance, Melissa brings a wealth of skills and knowledge to the Board. Melissa has also joined the Audit and Risk Committee and the Finance Committee.

Ms Turcinov attended the monthly Ambulance Ramping Taskforce meeting on 5 August 2024, with key discussions around the Community Health Services Strategy - Community Health in a Virtual Environment; Ambulance Mental Health Co-Response and Aged Care Discharge.

Ms Turcinov attended the EMHS Aboriginal Health Champions Training Workshop on 5 August 2024, with other Board Members scheduled to attend the Workshop in the coming months.



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Mr Neil Cowan
A/Chief Executive

Committee Reports

The Board discussed reports tabled by the Chairs of the Board Safety & Quality, Operational Performance & Strategy, and Board Finance Committees.

Safety & Quality:

- The Committee reports are transitioning to new SPC charts. To assist in interpreting the data and charts, committee members will receive in-house education sessions.
- Interviews have been scheduled for a Consumer Representative to be appointed to the Board Safety & Quality Committee.

Finance:

- The Committee discussed the EMHS financial matters for the month.
- The Committee received presentations from the Finance Directorate on the 2024/25 Budget.

Mr Cowan provided an update on key matters across EMHS including:

- The Director General has temporarily implemented an escalation pathway for ambulance transfer of care.
- The Board was updated on the IV Fluid supply issue and advised that the Albanese Government has purchased 22 million bags, equating to a six-month supply.
- The Board were also provided with an update on the Next Step Service (NSS) transition.

Site Updates

The Executive Director - Royal Perth Bentley Group, Mr Ben Noteboom, provided an update on RPBG matters this month, including: The successful International Medical Graduate (IMG) Observership Program trial. The next phase is underway with a larger intake planned for January 2025.

The Caring for Carers Level 2 Accreditation has been achieved across all EMHS sites. RPBG has been successful in mid-point Rainbow Tick accreditation for BHS. The EMHS Palliative Care Advice Line will be launched on 2 September 2024.

The A/Executive Director - Armadale Kalamunda Group, Ms Karen Elliott, provided an update on AKG matters this month, including: A continued focus remains on Transfer of Care, Emergency Access and Inpatient Bed Flow. AKG have submitted for 2 awards at the A Health Awards - PIVC nursing team and Orchard Avenue Centre.

Presentations to the Board

The EMHS Board Members hosted Ms Jacqui Wates and Deb Shaw from the Insurance Commission of WA, who provided a presentation of the Directors and Officers Liability Overview. Advice was provided to the Board on the scope of coverage and key exclusions.

Sandra Miller presented to the Board Members on EMHS Mental Health Governance and Strategic Priorities. This also included an overview of the new Mental Health Directorate that has been created within the Department of Health and the Mental Health Annual Priorities for 2024/25 across the WA Health system.

Dr Matthew Summerscales and Dr Michele Genevieve (Co-Heads of Emergency Department (ED) - SJGMPPH) provided an overview of initiatives and programs currently operating within the SJGMPPH ED. The presentation highlighted key challenges, and an overview of the IT solutions used across the hospital.