



Communique

October 2022 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 October 2022 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 5.00pm

Chief Executive's update

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

The Board welcomed Linda Toomath to the Board Meeting to provide an update on the EMHS COVID Response and advised the Board that COVID numbers over the past few months have been reducing and focus has now shifted to living with COVID.

The Board welcomed Sumit Sinha-Roy to the Board Meeting to provide an update on the Emergency Access Program (EAP). The Board noted the program deliverables that had been colour coded to sites activities.

Presentation

The Board welcomed the Medical Advisory Committee Chairs – Justin Waring – RPH; PK Loh – BHS and Nicholas Waldron – AHS to the Board Meeting. The MAC Chairs provided an overview of key items of discussion at each of the Committees, such as, Wellbeing, JMO shortages, telehealth and GP availability.

The EMHS Board were advised from both Justin Waring and Nicholas Waldron that they would be stepping down from the MAC Chair role and that a nomination process is underway for a new Chair. The Board expressed their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to both Justin and Nicholas for their commitment and leadership during their tenure as Chair's.

Board Reports

EMHS 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 a summary of the safety and quality metrics and key areas of focus for the Committee. The Committee noted the improvement of falls over the past couple of months. The revised Public Transparency Framework was approved at the Board Meeting.
- The EMHS Board Digital & Innovation Committee provided a summary on the EMHS Digital Strategy projects and activities and the EMHS Innovation and Research Update. The Committee received a presentation from Dr Vanessa Rauland, CEO of Climate Clever around the broader topic of sustainability, current challenges in measuring carbon emissions reduction and the functionality of the Climate Clever Platform.



- The EMHS Board Planning & Performance Committee provided an overview of the performance metrics across EMHS of particular discussion was the Emergency Access Programme and Elective Surgery Waitlists. Several major programs and plans are now well advanced and are expected to result in further improvement in service quality, effectiveness and efficiency.
- The EMHS Board Audit & Risk Committee provided a summary of the 37 recommendations in the audit log.
- The EMHS Board Finance Committee provided a summary of the key issues arising at the monthly meeting. Discussions were held on the Asset Stocktake and the 2022/23 Budget.
- The Board received verbal updated from the Executive Directors from Armadale Kalamunda Group (AKG) and Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG) on key issues across the hospital sites.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 November 2022

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board