



Communique

May 2023 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 30 May 2023 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 11.30am and concluded at 17:00pm.

Chief Executive's update

Dr Lesley Bennett, EMHS A/Chief Executive, provided an overview of the current areas of focus across EMHS.

The Board received an update on the EMHS Area Executive Group (AEG), which includes the new Executive Director People and Capability, Christine Thompson; A/Executive Director Royal Perth Bentley Group, Ben Noteboom; and A/Area Director Allied Health, Carla Francis.

Dr Bennett provided a brief update on the Emergency Access Program, EMHS budget estimates and the new Service Level Agreement with the Department of Health (DoH), and demand for EMHS services.

Presentations

The Board welcomed the Chairs of the Medical Advisory Committees - Dr Tania Strickland (Armadale Kalamunda Group) and Dr Pk Loh (Bentley). Dr Loh also provided an update for Royal Perth Hospital on behalf of Dr Claire Italiano. Dr Strickland and Dr Loh outlined the current areas of focus for the Medical Advisory Committees, which included demand on medical workforce, and the pending Surgicentre at Bentley Health Service.

Amendments to the Board Committee structure

The Board discussed and endorsed amendments to the Board Committee structure and membership.

The Board will now have four (4) sub-committees, focusing on safety and quality, audit and risk, finance, and operational performance and strategy. The most significant changes are the cessation of the Board Digital and Innovation Committee, and the restructure of the Board Planning and Performance Committee (now Operational Performance and Strategy (OPS) Committee). The new OPS Committee will focus on strategic areas including digital, research and innovation; workforce; operational performance (including Aboriginal health and mental health); and clinical planning.

EMHS strategic theme

The Board introduced a new regular agenda item, with the inclusion of a presentation and discussion on a strategic area of focus for EMHS.

This month, EMHS Area Director Aboriginal Health, Francine Eades, attended the meeting to



present to the Board on Aboriginal Health. Ms Eades provided a summary of strategies to increase Aboriginal employment, cultural security, and the work being done to improve the health and wellbeing of our Aboriginal community.

Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) statement

The Board discussed a draft EMHS ESG statement, which outlines EMHS responsibility and commitment to minimising EMHS' environmental impact, focusing on supporting healthy people and providing care to the community we operate in, and being accountable to the stakeholders we serve.

The Board endorsed the ESG statement and thanked the Director Office of the Chief Executive, Anne-Marie Presho, for her work developing the statement in collaboration with KPMG and various EMHS stakeholders.

Board reports

EMHS Board received and discussed verbal updates from Armadale Kalamunda Group, Royal Perth Bentley Group and EMHS mental health.

Direct reports from the Chairs of the respective Board Committees were also presented, providing an update on issues considered at their most recent meetings:

- The EMHS Board Safety and Quality Committee Chair tabled a summary of the safety and quality metrics and key areas of focus for the Committee. EMHS continues to perform well in the Safety and Quality Indicator Set (SQuIS) report, with 15 of 18 indicators being above the state average.
- The EMHS Board Finance Committee Chair provided an overview of EMHS activity and financial performance for April 2023.

Dr Lesley Bennett discussed an update on major capital projects business cases/funding updates, which includes the proposed Surgicentre at Bentley Health Service, Emergency Department redevelopment at Royal Perth Hospital, Bentley Secure Extended Care Unit (SECU) and Byford Health Hub.

Progress of major ICT projects was also tabled and discussed, with updates provided on the Digital Medical Record (DMR) roll-out, Electronic Medication Management System (EMMs), the developing Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS), Health in a Virtual Environment (HIVE) expansion, and Co-HIVE integration with the Emergency Access Program.

The Board also received an update from the A/Executive Director Corporate Services and Contract Management, Paul Grove, on procurement and contract management items.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Bentley Health Service on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

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Chair, EMHS Board