



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service Board

This Communique highlights key discussions from the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) Board's October 2022 meeting as well as other important information.

The ninth Board Meeting for 2022 was held on 6 September 2022 both in person at the PCH Boardroom and via MS Teams.

Consumer Engagement

The Board discussed Complaints and Compliments related to:

- Meeting the needs of neurodiverse children within clinical service delivery;
- Food safety and availability of equipment for children with disabilities;
- Discharge and patient transfer processes across services and wards; and
- Medication errors.

The Board discussed:

1. the development of a model for enabling the sharing of lessons learnt via clinical incident management and complaints across clinical areas to support service improvement;
2. evaluation of the CAHS Customer Service Training Program and plans for further implementation across the organisation.

The Board noted the minutes of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) and discussed the commencement of Clinical Service Improvement projects evaluation care coordination.

Safety & Quality

The Board discussed the Clinical Incidents as tabled.

The Board were provided with an update regarding CAHS progress against Accreditation standards, CAHS implementation of PARROT Charts and review of the CAHS Chaperone policy including consultation with consumers regarding its implementation.

Key Issues Reports

The Board discussed key issues within CAHS including:

1. *COVID*

The Board noted the organisations movement towards Business as Usual including:

- PCH Basement parking reverting to public access as of the 17th October;



Healthy kids, healthy communities

Compassion

Excellence

Collaboration

Accountability

Equity

Respect

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- transitioning to point of care screening;
- ongoing requirements for face coverings in clinical areas;
- ongoing work related to vaccinations and identification of lessons learnt (emergency management and infection control).

2. CAMHS

The CAHS Gender Diversity Service provided a presentation to the Board on the service, reform and challenges.

The ED CAMHS updated the Board on ongoing reforms within inpatient mental health services and the progress of the ICA Mental Health Taskforce.

3. Community Health

The ED Community Health updated the Board regarding:

- the CAHS vaccination program including immunisation rates;
- changes to the Aboriginal Health Team; and
- development of artwork by the AHT representing the indigenous journey through child health services.

4. PCH and Neonatology

The ED PCH updated the Board regarding:

- PCH demand associated with RSV, COVID, School Holidays;
- PCH workforce and impact of ANF industrial action;
- impact on Neonatology services at KEMH due to development of two new theatres;
- opening of PCH outdoor spaces; and
- consultation with the new Women's and Newborn Hospital project team.

Major Projects

The Board discussed updates on major projects including:

1. Midland and Murdoch Community Hubs

The Board were updated regarding the progress for both Midland and Murdoch Community Hubs.

2. WA Children's Hospice

The A/Chief Executive provided a summary of her visit to Bear Cottage NSW, and the development of the Agreement for Lease and Terms of Reference for the proposed Advisory Governance Board.

Infrastructure

The EDPICM provided an update regarding:

- Fire remediation strategies at KEMH;
- Governance arrangements for volunteer screening of all NGOs on CAHS Sites; and
- Implementation of the CAHS Climate Sustainability Framework

Chief Executive Report

The Board noted the Chief Executive report and discussed:

- the coronial inquest into the death of Aishwarya Aswath;
- the Child Development Information System replacements program;
- transition of security services from NMHS;
- CAHS Research Program;
- CAHS Budget.

Regular Reports

The Board was provided with the Balanced Scorecard and discussed:

- improvement in completion of discharge summaries; and
- expected improvements in completion of 14-day post-natal assessments with the returning of community health services post COVID.

Board Committees

The Board received reports from its four Standing Committees as follows:

1. Safety and Quality Committee

The Board noted the Safety & Quality Chair Report and draft minutes of the 13 September 2022 meeting.

2. Finance Committee

The Board noted the Finance Committee Chair Report and draft minutes of the 27 September meeting and discussed:

- Mental Health model of funding, and opportunities with the Mental Health Commission;
- Child Development Service Mid-Year Review submission; and
- PMO support for business case development across the organisation.

3. Audit and Risk Committee

The Board noted the Audit and Risk Committee Chair Report and draft minutes of 27 September 2022 meeting and discussed:

- the CAHS Internal Audit Attestation Statement of Compliance 2021-2022;
- the timing of CAHS Striving for Excellence Audits.

4. People, Capability and Culture Committee

- The Board that there was no September Meeting of the PCC committee

5. Clinical Advisory Group

The Board noted the minutes of the Clinical Advisory Group meeting held 16 September 2022 including:

- workforce culture issues;
- ongoing recruitment of junior and senior medical officers, and nurses; and
- commencement of the Medical Advisory Committee

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Thursday 6 October 2022

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BOARD CHAIR

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH SERVICE

19 October 2022