



Communique

November 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 29 November 2022 was held in the Executive Offices – Goline House, Armadale Health Service (AHS). The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 4.00pm.

Chief Executive's update

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

The Board welcomed EMHS' new Area Director Aboriginal Health, Francine Eades, to the meeting. Francine provided the Board with a brief outline of her experience and future plans for the Aboriginal health teams.

The Board also welcomed Linda Toomath to the meeting, who provided an update on EMHS' COVID response.

Presentations

The Board welcomed representatives from AHS mental health, allied health, health information management, patient care and volunteers to the meeting. Each representative provided an overview of their work areas and key items they wished to bring to the Board's attention.

Items discussed included the impact of COVID on health services; commitment to keeping patients out of the Emergency Department (ED) and providing care in the community/homes where possible; excellence in the area of paediatric safety net processes; cohesive team work; anticipation for the roll-out of Digital Medical Records (DMR); staff challenges and communication; logistics of the hospital site; connection with community; and staff wellbeing and engagement opportunities.

The Board thanked the representatives for their honest and genuine feedback and noted that, from their experience meeting staff at AHS during leader rounding, it is clear staff are positive and have a strong team culture.



Board Reports

EMHS Board received 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 Finance Committee provided a summary of the key issues arising at the monthly meeting, including major capital works and leave liability. The Committee Chair also noted this was the last finance meeting Ian Smith will attend before his retirement – and thanked Ian for his outstanding contribution since 01 July 2016.
- 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 in healthcare acquired blood stream infection (HABSI) rates and patient falls.

The Board also received updates from the relevant Executive Directors on workforce matters, cyber security and procurement and contract management.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 December 2022.

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, EMHS Board