



Communique

February 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 22 February 2022 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom and via MS Teams. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 4.15pm.

Chief Executive's update

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

EMHS We are COVID Ready Plan – An overview of current activities and pieces of work occurring against the EMHS We Are COVID Ready Action Plan (100 Day Plan). An update on RAT testing across the health services was also provided.

Staff Wellbeing remains a priority with the EMHS Staff Wellbeing Framework being released this week. The Board were advised of the process put in place with buddy systems, post shift huddles and weekly team updates.

Presentation

The Board received a presentation from the Independent Governance Review Panel with panel members: Ms Kym Peake (Panel Chair); Ms Jo Gaines; Mr Gary Smith and Dr David Rosengren attending the meeting.

The Board were advised that the panel will be conducting a review into the governance of the WA health system in relation to the design and practical operation of the Health Service Provider Boards and the impact and experience of Board's effectiveness from the perspective of consumers, carers, staff and community.

The Board and Executive also received a presentation from Mr Greg Smith on the new OSH Legislation. Greg Smith advised the Board and Executive that the primary duties will not change but EMHS will experience a short-term administrative burden as policies will need to change and re-education of staff will need to occur.

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 Digital & Innovation Committee discussed the three community-based initiatives planned for early 2022 Health in A Virtual Environment (HIVE); the launch of Patient and Staff Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Wi-fi services and the remediation plans



for Cybersecurity and Audit Findings that continue to be developed,

- 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 positive movement against the mental health KPIs with sustained performance for 7 day follow up and a reduction in the rate of unplanned readmissions.
- The EMHS Board Audit & Risk Committee provided a summary of current audit reviews underway and an update against the 16 recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) audit recommendations.
- The EMHS Board Planning & Performance Committee provided an update on the Byford Health Hub, noting that the Byford Hub Statement on Intent has been submitted to Government. A discussion around the Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Action Plan was undertaken with feedback to be provided out of session.
- The EMHS Board Finance Committee provided a summary of the key issues arising at the monthly meeting.
- The Board received a verbal update 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 March 2022.

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board