



Meeting of the Board of the Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD)
No. 2018/79
Date: Tuesday, 10 April 2018
Venue: Blacktown City Council Chambers, Flushcombe Road, Blacktown

Minutes

- Present:** Richard Alcock (Chair)
Jeremy Chapman (Deputy Chair)
Kathy Baker
Narelle Bell
Andrew Bernard
Elizabeth Crouch
Don Nutbeam
Andrew Pesce
Jane Spring
Bruce Turner
- Medical Staff Council:** Chris Liddle (Chair, Westmead)
Mark McLean (Chair, Blacktown and Mount Druitt)
- Ex-officio:** Robynne Cooke
Tina Stoian
- Secretariat:** Ashley Ubrihien
Julia Millen
- Invited:** Sue-Anne Redmond, A/General Manager Westmead and Auburn
Jude Constable, A/General Manager Blacktown and Mt Druitt
Barry Shepherd, Chair WSLHD Audit and Risk Committee
Duncan Ellis, Head of Infrastructure and Projects, TAFE NSW
Mark Talbot, Deputy Regional General Manager Western Sydney
TAFE NSW
- Apologies:** Di O'Halloran, Michael Edye, Joanne Edwards, Danny O'Connor
- Meeting commenced:** 4.30pm
- Quorum:** A quorum was met.

Item 1.1 Welcome and Leave of Absence

Item 1.2 Leave of Absence

The Chair welcomed invited guests.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered by Mark McLean, Chair Blacktown Mount Druitt Medical Staff Council.

Item 2 Declarations of Changes in Material Circumstances

Members were asked to declare:

- i. Conflicts of interest in relation to the agenda and
- ii. Changes in material circumstance.

The Deputy Chair noted a letter received from the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) Board Chair in relation to the 17 July 2018 combined Board meeting for SWSLHD and WSLHD. The SWSLHD Board Chair advised the meeting venue was organised by SWSLHD under normal commercial terms.

Action and decision: Members NOTED the information provided by the Deputy Chair. No declarations of changes in material circumstances were advised by Members.

Item 3 Strategy

Item 3.1: Invited guests from TAFE NSW, Mark Talbot and Duncan Ellis discussed the new business model for TAFE NSW which brings together the existing 11 TAFE institutes into one business with an overarching corporate management team that provides services to all metropolitan and regional campuses. This new model provides easier pathways for engagement with students and customers.

Important aspects of the change in model for TAFE:

- TAFE NSW is the largest registered training organisation in Australia.
- TAFE NSW has created "SkillsPoints" where TAFE NSW intersects with businesses and industry to design courses that will provide Australians with the skills employers need for the jobs of today and careers of the future. TAFE NSW has new Industry liaison officers working as the key interface between community, customers and stakeholders.
- OTEN is now called TAFE Digital, with two main purposes to create new online learning tools that are delivered across the State, and to enhance the digital delivery platform for all regions in NSW.

TAFE NSW noted the ongoing conversations with the Blacktown/Mt Druitt Hospital (BMDH) executive on programs to assist our LHD to align with changes occurring in western Sydney regarding health, workforce and training.

The Acting General Manager BMDH provided an overview of the ongoing discussions with TAFE NSW around training the hospital workforce of the future which encompasses the need to create a diverse workforce where people can gain qualifications, experience and exposure to the work place and be able to build sustainable career pathways. This is an important initiative focussing on creating opportunities for individuals to engage and build a career in Health.

Item 3.2: Invited guest, Barry Shepherd, Chair of the WSLHD Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) presented the ARC 2017 Annual Report to the WSLHD Board which included the

2017 annual assessment for internal audit, and the 2017 annual assessment for external audit.

Action and decision: Members NOTED the 2017 ARC annual report and assessments.

Item 4 Business Arising

Item 5 Minutes

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the 13 March 2018 Board meeting.

Action and decision: Minutes ACCEPTED.

Item 6 Actions from meeting – 13 March 2018

Discussion: Members were referred to the Register of Actions.

Members received an update on the WSLHD Nominations Committee meeting held on 9 April 2018. The Board Chair has received a letter from the Secretary of NSW Health regarding the 2018 Board Refresh activity and member renomination confirmations are due to the Ministry by 20 April 2018.

Action and decision: Register NOTED.

Item 7 Correspondence received 3 – 30 March 2018

Discussion: Members were referred to the correspondence report.

Action and decision: Correspondence NOTED.

Item 8 Chief Executive Report

Discussion: Members were referred to the report.

The Chief Executive's report was delivered by Acting Chief Executive, Robynne Cooke. The A/CE noted the key events for March 2018 and the high priority projects detailed in the report.

The A/CE provided a report on the recent WSLHD performance meeting with the Ministry of Health noting the Ministry provided positive feedback on recruitment initiatives, ETP and WSLHD performance strategies.

The Executive Director Finance reported on activity, expenses, revenue and recruitment action for WSLHD.

The A/General Manager Blacktown and Mt Druitt Hospitals (BMDH) delivered a snapshot financial summary presentation for BMDH.

Action and decision: Members DISCUSSED and NOTED the report.

Item 9 Chair and Deputy Chair Report

Discussion: Members were referred to the report.

The Chair proposed a letter of appreciation from the Board to the WSLHD Director of Strategy and Business Development noting the recent announcement of the Metro line station for Westmead and acknowledgment of contributions to the LHD.

Action and decision: WSLHD Board ENDORSED the proposal from the Board Chair to send a letter of appreciation to the WSLHD Director of Strategy and Business Development.

Item 10 Appendices

Members were referred to the Appendices.

Action and decision: Appendices NOTED.

Item 11 Committees of the Board

Discussion: Members were referred to the Committee reports. Members studied the report received from the Aboriginal Health Collaborative Committee with interest and will follow progress updates closely.

Action and decision: Reports NOTED.

Item 12 Business Without Notice

The Chair introduced a brief in camera session for Members.

Item 13 Next meeting

The next meeting of the WSLHD Board is scheduled Tuesday 8 May 2018, 04:30 PM — 07:00 PM, at Auburn Hospital.

Close

Meeting closed at 7:15pm.

Signed: 
(Mr Richard Alcock AO, Board Chair)