

Meeting of the Board of the Western Sydney Local Health District
No. 2021/112
Date: Thursday 20 May, 2021
Venue: Innovation Centre, Westmead Central Acute Services Building

Minutes

Present: Richard Alcock (Chair)
Loretta Di Mento (Deputy Chair)
Michael Edge
Keith Hartman
Andrew Bernard
Diana O'Halloran
Don Nutbeam
Narelle Bell

Ex Officio Invitees: Graeme Loy, Chief Executive
Kate Hurlle, A/Director Office of the Chief Executive
Caroline Farmer, Director Nursing, Midwifery & Clinical Governance (DNMCG)
Emma McCahon, Executive Director Medical Services (EDMS)
Barry Mitrevski, Director of Finance (DoF)
Alison Derrett, Executive Director Operations (EDO)

Medical Staff Council: Mark Priestley (Chair, Westmead Medical Staff Council)

Invited Guests: Prof Mary O'Kane, Chair, Sydney Health Partners
Jasmin Ellis, General Manager Integrated & Community Health
Ray Messom, WentWest Chief Executive Officer
Dr Andrew Pesce, Women's Health Clinical Network Director
Sree Brahmapuram, Health Management Intern
Vanessa Williams, Executive Officer, Sydney Health Partners

Apologies: Debra Thoms
Mick Reid
Tiffany Sly, Director Office of the Chief Executive

Secretariat: Joyce Semaan, Governance Officer, Office of the Chief Executive

Meeting commenced: 3:00pm

Quorum: A quorum was met

Item 1 PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Item 1.1 Welcome and apologies

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present, in particular the Executive Director Operations, and invited Prof Don Nutbeam to give the Acknowledgement of Country.

Item 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is taking place were acknowledged and respects paid to Elders past, present and emerging.

The significant amount of work done by the WSLHD Population Health team in supporting access to care for Aboriginal patients in response to the COVID-19 pandemic was noted.

Item 1.3 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.

Action and decision: No conflicts or changes in material circumstance were declared.

Item 1.4 Minutes of previous meetings

The Chair invited comments on the minutes of the April meeting.

Action and decision: The Chair had minor changes to April minutes which were otherwise accepted and taken as a true record of the meeting.

Item 1.5 Actions from previous meetings

No outstanding actions.

Item 1.6 Patient Story

The patient story was held over to the following meeting.

Item 2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Item 2.1 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive (CE) took the report as read with some highlights for further discussion.

Action and decision: The Board noted the update.

Item 3 PRESENTATIONS

Item 3.1 Sydney Health Partners

The CE welcomed the Executive Director and Chair of Sydney Health Partners to the Board meeting.

The Executive Director gave a presentation to the Board on Sydney Health Partners.

Action and decision: The Board noted the update.

Item 3.2 Clinical Network Director – Women’s Health

The Clinical Network Director for Women’s Health gave a presentation to the Board on his portfolio.

Action and decision: The Board noted the update.

Item 3.3 Co-Commissioning & Kids Early Years (KEYS)

The General Manager, Integrated & Community Health (GMICH) gave a presentation to the Board on Collaborative Commissioning. Due to time constraints, KEYS was not addressed but will be the subject of a later session.

Action and decision: The Board noted the report provided.

Item 4 STANDING ITEMS

Item 4.1 COVID-19 Update

A report was tabled with the Board papers.

Item 4.2 Mental Health Service Report

A report was tabled with the Board papers.

Item 4.3 Finance Report

A report was tabled with the Board papers and the Director of Finance spoke to some key items.

Action and decision: The Board noted the report provided.

Item 4.4 Operations Report

There has been an increased focus on surgery in the last six months.

Action and decision: The Board noted the report provided.

Item 4.5 Clinical Governance Report

Blacktown hospital is preparing for its accreditation against the National Standards at the end of this year.

Action and decision: The Board noted the report provided.

Item 4.6 Medical Services Report

The EDMS spoke about the focus on Junior Medical Officers.

There is a team focused on strengthening the process around research ethics approvals while KPIs have also been set. The research around COVID-19 vaccines is progressing well.

Action and decision: The Board noted the report provided.

Item 4.7 Integrated Care & Community Health Report

A report was tabled with the Board papers.

Item 5 NEW BUSINESS

No new business

Item 6 DOCUMENTS FOR ENDORSEMENT

No documents for endorsement

Item 7 COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Item 7.1 Audit and Risk Committee

Committee report tabled with meeting papers.

It was noted there is a different reporting of system wide risks which is a new requirement from the Ministry.

Item 7.2 Finance, Performance & Asset Management Committee

Committee report tabled with meeting papers. No further updates.

Item 7.3 Health Care Quality Committee

Committee report tabled with meeting papers. No further updates.

Item 7.4 Nominations Committee

No new updates.

Item 7.5 Research Development Committee

Committee report tabled with meeting papers. No further updates.

Item 7.6 Professional Education Committee

No new updates

Item 8 ITEMS FOR NOTING ONLY

Item 8.1 Record of meetings for Board Chair and Deputy Chair

Noted

Item 8.2 Correspondence received & sent

Noted

Item 8.3 SafeWork NSW Improvement Notices

After discussion, the information was noted.

Item 9 OTHER BUSINESS

Item 9.1 Board breakfast with clinicians at Blacktown Hospital 27 May, 2021

The Chair encouraged members of the Board to attend this event if they are able.

Item 9.2 Any other business

Launch of the Community and Consumer Partnership Framework

The Chair and Deputy Chair attended the launch of the Community and Consumer Partnership Framework. The Deputy Chair spoke at the event.

Western Sydney Diabetes Alliance

The Alliance met the previous day and the focus was on greening western Sydney.

International Nurses Day Awards

The DNMCG thanked two of the Board members for their involvement in the International Nurses Day Awards which was a virtual event with over 2,500 views on social media.

Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be the Board Strategy Day on 17 June, 2021.

Close

Meeting closed at 7:00 pm

Signed: _____



Mr Richard Alcock AO, Board Chair

