



HSS Board COMMUNIQUÉ

October 2020 Meeting

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Health Support Services (HSS) Board meeting held on 1 October 2020 at 140 William Street, Perth WA.

The Board welcomed newly appointed member, Mr Jonathan Ford. Mr Ford has been Chief Executive Officer of Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre for the last 12 years.

Key Discussion

The HSS Board Chair gave an update on his recent meeting with the Minister for Health and the Director General of the Department of Health. Key discussion included COVID-19 response, ICT programs and progressing HSS employee culture and engagement initiatives.

The Board was provided with a comprehensive overview of HealthNext by Acting Chief Information Officer Mr Jonathan Smith. HealthNext is one of HSS' major ICT Programs to be delivered across the WA health system. The Board also discussed progress with other key ICT programs including the Human Resource Management Information System, the Medical Imaging Replacement Program and HSS support for the development of the Electronic Medical Record Business Case being led by the Department of Health.

The Board discussed the significant work being undertaken to increase the volume of personal protective equipment (PPE) being held in the HSS warehouses. In line with the whole of government *PPE State-wide Pathways* policy, HSS plays a role in the provision of PPE across the health sector in WA. PPE supplies have been significantly increased to support this role.

Chief Executive's Update

Mr Robert Toms, Chief Executive, gave an overview of current areas of focus across HSS including financial and operational performance. He spoke to key highlights over the last month:

- National RUOK?Day was celebrated with an organisation-wide afternoon tea and given special focus at the quarterly HSS Organisation Wide Briefing, with the HSS Executive wearing the official yellow RUOK? T-Shirts at both events to promote mental health awareness.
- HSS' ICT team was commended for the completion of two important ICT initiatives: the upgrade of the Emergency Department Information System (EDIS) and the roll out of EDIS to Peel Health Campus. This represents a significant improvement for HSS customers in Emergency Departments across the WA health system.

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Key Decisions

- HSS' Statement of Intent was approved and will be sent to the Minister for Health in response to the Minister's Statement of Expectation. The Statement of Intent and the Minister's Statement of Expectation can be found on the HSS website.
- The HSS Annual Report 2019/2020 was approved for submission to the Minister for Health and will be tabled for approval in Parliament this month.
- A minor update to the HSS Policy Authorisations Schedule was also approved to support procurement operations.

Board Reports and Papers noted

The Board received the following reports and papers for noting:

- Office of the Auditor General (OAG) Annual Financial and General Computer Controls Audit 2019-20 results
- Warehouse capacity options to support the COVID-19 response
- People and Performance Committee Report
- Board Administration Report

Attendance

Mr Michael Walsh (Chair)

Ms Margaret Pырchla (Deputy Chair)

Dr Paul Boyatzis

Ms Cheryl Chan

Dr Rowan Ellis

Mr Jonathan Ford

Ms Diana Forsyth

Ms Amanda McKnight

Dr Con Phatouros

Ms Yaso Ponnuthurai

Apologies

Nil.

Standing Executive Invitees

Mr Robert Toms, Chief Executive

Mr Sash Tomson, Chief Financial Officer

Mr Ralph Bates, Executive Director, Customer Experience

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5 November 2020 at 140 William Street, Perth WA 6000.

Mr Michael Walsh

Chair, Health Support Services Board

Note: Due to current COVID-19 related travel restrictions, the Chair attends meetings remotely from Queensland.