Communique

August 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 30 August 2022 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 5.00pm

Chief Executive's update

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

Liz advised the Board that the Transitional Care Unit opened on Tuesday and has admitted their first patients.

Liz provided an update on the EMHS COVID Response and advised the Board that COVID numbers over the past few months are reducing and focus has now shifted to living with COVID.

Emergency Access Program (EAP) was discussed including the appointment of the Director of Emergency Access and site support staff. The Board noted that the EAP initiatives are being revised for 2022/23 and noted the expected performance trajectory for all sites on Transfer of Care and WEAT performance.

Presentation

The Board welcomed Nurse Unit Managers Vanessa O'Connell, Carmen Callaghan, Simon Cavoli and Matthew Murcia from across EMHS sites to provide an insight into the NUMs role and workloads.

Various items were discussed in relation to COVID, workload, site operations, workforce and nursing skills across all nursing roles. The Board thanked the NUMs for attending and delivering a powerful, concise and well delivered presentation. Key items have been taken on-board with a request for management to review.

The Board Members also took the time to visit the EMHS HIVE and participate in a demonstration of the wearable device initiative, The Board was impressed by the HIVEs capability and potential to benefit a wide range of EMHS patients.

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 Safety and Quality Committee provided a summary of the safety and quality metrics and key areas of focus for the Committee. The Committee reviewed Action Plans on HABSI and Falls and have request similar deep dives for HACs and

Readmissions are undertaken.

- The EMHS Board Digital & Innovation Committee provided a summary on the EMHS Digital Strategy projects and activities and the EMHS Innovation and Research Update. Grant Waterer also presented to the Committee on his recent travel to the BIO 2022 International Conference held in San Diego, USA. Key themes from the conference were uplifting innovation across healthcare, mentorships and education programs for innovators, robotic surgery, computer generated medical summaries at consults and international medical residencies exchange program.
- The EMHS Board Planning & Performance Committee provided an overview of the performance metrics across EMHS of particular discussion was the Emergency Access and Elective Surgery Waitlists.
- The EMHS Board Audit & Risk Committee provided a summary of the EMHS Audit Plan for 2022/23. The Board approved the Annual Attestation Statement of Compliance with the Core Requirements of the WA health Internal Audit Policy for the 2021/22 Financial year.
- The EMHS Board Finance Committee provided a summary of the key issues arising at the monthly meeting. Discussions were held on the Asset Stocktake and the 2022/23 Budget.
- The Board received verbal updated 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 27 September 2022

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board