

## The latest news, views, and announcements

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This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 25 June 2024 at the Bentley Health Service Conference Room

#### Board Members Present

Ms Pia Turcinov AM, Board Chair  
Dr Denise Glennon, Deputy Board Chair  
Mr Peter Forbes  
Mr Ross Keesing  
Ms Tracey Moroney  
Ms Vanessa Elliott  
Dr Steven Patchett  
Dr Paddy Ramanathan  
Ms Elizabeth Koff via Teams

#### Board Leader Rounding

BHS Plant Room – Pia Turcinov & Peter Forbes;  
Allied Health Therapy Day Room – Ross Keesing;  
BHS Day Surgery Unit – Tracey Moroney & Vanessa Elliott



### Board Chair – Ms Pia Turcinov

The Board members held the June Board Meeting at the Bentley Health Service Conference Room and undertook leader rounding across various areas within Bentley Health Service.

At this meeting the Board Members bid farewell to Dr Paddy Ramanathan and acknowledged his contributions to the Board over the course of his term. His first-hand experience within health and community services has provided invaluable insight to his fellow Board members, specifically his experience in working with the migrant population. The Board wished him all the best for his future endeavours.

The EMHS Service Agreement with the Department of Health was tabled and endorsed for signing under the EMHS Common Seal.

The Board welcomed Mr Chris Barton to the meeting to provide an overview of the SMART EMHS Digital Strategy Action Plan and were updated on the top 10 initiatives that were being progressed through to the project and implementation documentation phase.

Dr Denise Glennon attended the monthly Ambulance Ramping Taskforce meeting, held on 4 June 2024, where updates were provided on State Health Operations Centre (SHOC), WA Virtual Emergency Department (WAVED) and Homelessness Interventions.



## A/Chief Executive – Ms Sandra Miller

Ms Miller provided an update on key matters across EMHS including:

- The COVID Peak across WA has been decreasing in numbers over the past 2-3 weeks. There is a concern relating to emergency demand with flu vaccination rates remaining low this season.
- The WA Health Award nominations have opened and EMHS are encouraging all areas to submit their nominations.

## Site Updates

The Executive Director – Royal Perth Bentley Group, Mr Ben Noteboom, provided an update on RPBG matters this month, including:

- The Accreditation short notice preparation is underway, including the launch of RPBG Safety, Quality, Outcomes, Performance & Education Portal and leadership rounding program.
- There has been a reduction in RPH over-boundaries for urgent category 1 with it currently sitting at 3.5% compared to 10.1% at the same time last year.

The A/Executive Director – Armadale Kalamunda Group, Ms Alisha Thompson; provided an update on AKG matters this month, including:

- AHS achieved a 96% Transfer of Care on 26 May with an overall of 70% for May.
- The Digital Medical Records have reached the 1 million records saved.

## Presentations to the Board

The EMHS Board Members hosted Dr Ben Carnley the Chair of the Clinical Staff Association and Adam Lloyd, Grant Waterer and Rebecca Crellin from HIVE.

Dr Ben Carnley advised the Board that there has been a level of frustration expressed from Senior Medical Staff following the budget announcements and apparent lack of capital investment in RPH, but overall, the morale amongst the senior medical staff appears positive.

Adam Lloyd provided an overview of the current work of the HIVE team and the solutions being developed to innovate healthcare. The HIVE service offers a 24-hour continuous monitoring of patients by clinical experts, supported by an artificial intelligence platform that detects the earliest signs of deterioration. The Board commended the HIVE team for HIVE's positive direction and looks forward to their input on future innovations.

The Board Members participated in several engagement opportunities across the Bentley Health Service campus on Tuesday 25 June 2024.

The areas selected for visiting this month were – The BHS Plant Room, Allied Therapy Day Room and the Day Procedure Unit.

## Committee Reports

The Board discussed reports from the Chairs of the Board Safety & Quality, Audit & Risk & Strategy, and Board Finance Committees.

### Safety & Quality:

- The Chair reported back to the Board that Safety & Quality Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) have seen some improvements in the unplanned hospital readmissions within 28 days in selected surgeries and mental health.
- The Committee advised that the Department of Health and EMHS are in the process of converting reporting to allow for clearer oversight and analysis of performance.

### Audit & Risk:

- The Committee advised that an externally facilitated Board Risk Workshop has been scheduled for 9 July 2024.
- The Committee received an update on the status of the Cyber Security Risk, which included an overview of the OAG General Computing Controls audit field work which was recently completed.
- The Committee Chair provided an overview of the HSP Audit & Risk Chairs Meeting he attended on 4 June 2024.

### Finance:

- The Committee discussed the EMHS financial matters for the month.