

Western NSW LHD Board Meeting
Parkes Health Service, Parkes
Wednesday 2 August 2023, 10:45 am — 12:40 pm

Present:

Fiona Bennett	Board Member (Chair)
Colin McClintock	Board Member
Sally Davis	Board Member
Louise Johnson	Board Member
Penny Gibbs	Board Member
Jason Cooke	Board Member
Mark Spittal	Chief Executive
Adrian Fahy	Exec Director Quality, Clinical Safety & Nursing
Josh Carey	Exec Director Service Delivery (virtual)
Nirav Bajoria	A/Exec Director Finance and Corporate
Krissy Ukena	Secretariat
Prof Mark Arnold	Chief Medical Officer

Absent: Nil

Apologies: Matthew Irvine Board Chair
Amanda O'Brien Board Member

1 Board meeting commences with Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting commenced at 10.45 am with the Chair providing an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 Apologies

Directors Irvine and O'Brien were noted as apologies.

3 Conflict of interests

Director Crothers provided clarification to her conflict of interest recorded in the July minutes. Director Crothers is a consultant with Charles Sturt University Rural Health Research Institute. Director Cooke also noted that his wife no longer is a Director with the Western NSW Primary Health Network.

4 Minutes of Board meeting held July 2023

Minutes were endorsed by the Board with the following correction:

- Correction to minutes to reflect Bathurst as the meeting location.
- Correction to Director Crothers conflict. Director Crothers is a consultant with Charles Sturt University Rural Health Research Institute.

5 Action Register from Board meeting held July 2023

Progress on action items was noted.

6 Rounding Feedback

Board members toured Parkes Health Service. Reflections from Board members were discussed including outpatient clinical space. The aesthetics of the Hospital was opportunity for additional artwork.

7 Chair Report

Director Irvine was an apology for the meeting. Nil report provided.

8 Chief Executive Report

Mr Spittal spoke to the report which was noted by the Board highlighting:

- There are a number of Legislative Council inquiries that have now been established.
- NSW State budget to be handed down in September will provide clarity on the LHD's budget
- Dubbo Alcohol and other drugs rehabilitation centre.
- Progress of implementing the single employer model
- Health Infrastructure have finalised concept designs for Bathurst Health Service. Board agreed to an out of session briefing.
- Key Healthcare worker accommodation. Acknowledged there have limitations to establishing accommodation in Dubbo. Noted there have been some break and enters experienced by staff renting private accommodation.

8.1 WNSWLHD Performance scorecard June 2023

The scorecard was noted by the Board.

9 Voluntary Assisted Dying

Prof Arnold spoke to the papers. Presentation provided.

Discussion included:

- Number of patients expected to apply and eligibility requirements.
- Access to the program from remote communities
- Health workers who object to the practice, can choose to not participate in the process but can not restrict access to the service

Action: Voluntary Assisted Dying to be an agenda item at a future meeting.

10 Service Delivery

Mr Carey spoke to the report which was noted by the Board highlighting:

- A nursing home in Dubbo closed which will see a reduction in aged care beds available.
- NDIS accreditation. Further updates to be provided in coming months.
- The Virtual Rural Generalist Service (VRGS) went live for Southern LHD.

Mr Carey left the meeting

11 Finance and Corporate

11.1 2023-24 Budget

Mr Shane Montgomerie and Ms Melanie ten Cate joined the meeting.

Mr Bajoria spoke to the brief and presentation provided, noting that only one quarter of the year's budget has been advised and that not all program budgets have been released by the MOH. The full year budget is expected to be provided in September.

Mr Montgomerie and Ms ten Cate left the meeting.

11.2 Financial Performance Report

Mr Bajoria provided a report for noting.

11.3 Finance & Performance (F&P) Committee Draft Minutes

The minutes were noted by the Board.

- 11.4 Finance & Performance (F&P) Committee Chair Comments**
- 12 Quality Clinical Safety and Nursing**
- 12.1 Executive Director, Quality Clinical Safety and Nursing Report**
Mr Fahy spoke to the report which was noted by the Board.
- 12.2 WNSWLHD Attestation Statement**
Mr Fahy spoke to the brief and the 2023 National Attestation Statement.

The Board endorsed the Chief Executive and Board Chair to sign the Attestation Statement.
- 12.3 Health Care Quality Committee (HCQC) Draft Minutes**
No meeting held in July.
- 13 Medical and Dental Appointments Advisory Committee (MADAAC)**
- 13.1 MADAAC Meeting Draft Minutes**
Draft minutes provided for noting.
- 14 Medical Council Meetings**
- 14.1 District Medical Staff Executive Council Meeting Minutes**
Draft Minutes provided for noting.
- 15 Audit and Risk Committee**
- 15.1 Audit and Risk Committee draft minutes**
Draft minutes provided for noting.
- 15.2 ARC Committee member comments**
An extraordinary meeting was held to approve the 30 June 2023 financial statements. Nil issues raised for escalation to the Board.
- 16 General Business**
- 16.1 Western NSW Local Health District Awards**
Discussion regarding planning for this year's awards and smaller event.
Director Johnson and Director Cooke may be in a position to attend the evening event if seats are available.
Director O'Brien is attending the day and evening events and the Board supported Director O'Brien to determine an Award recipient on behalf of the Board.
- 17 Papers for noting**
Paper from the Parliamentary Inquiry into NSW Government's use and management of consulting services was provided for noting.
- 18 Close**
The formal meeting was closed at 12.40pm

Signed:



Date: 6 September 2023

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Work Health and Safety Due Diligence Training

The Directors present for the Board Meeting were joined by Director O'Brien (virtual) and the Executive Group to undertake work health and safety due diligence training with iCare.