



## Communique

### May 2021 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 25 May 2021 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 5.30pm

#### Chief Executive's update

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

An update was provided on the COVID Vaccination program across EMHS advising the Board that 84.1% of Phase 1A staff were vaccinated and around 71.8% of general staff vaccinated.

The Health Service Performance Report results were discussed, with the Board noting improvement on the number of performing indicators.

#### Presentation

The Board invited the Resident Medical Officers (RMO) Society Chairs to the Board Meeting to discuss areas of focus and an overview of any key issues.

Dr Todd Dennis and Dr Ash Burvill attended and updated the Board on items raised with the RMO Society:

- Preliminary results from the AMA Hospital in Health Check Survey
- Research Interest Group – work is progressing on connecting junior doctors with consultants running research programs
- Bedside/clinical tutoring program
- RMO Health and Wellbeing initiatives, such as, Crazy Socks for Docs Day and Bring Your Dog to the South Perth Foreshore Day.

Dr Tracy Westerman – Indigenous Psychological Services attended the Board Meeting following the results of the Cultural Competency Survey conducted across several staff groups at EMHS.

Cultural competency is a key strategy for reducing inequalities in healthcare access and improving the quality and effectiveness of care for Aboriginal people. Cultural competence is more than cultural awareness, it is the set of behaviours, attitudes and policies that come together to enable a system, agency or professionals to work effectively in cross-cultural situations.



## 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. An area of focus for the Committee is the SAC1 infection control incidents.
- The EMHS Board Finance Committee provided a summary of the key issues arising at the monthly meeting.
- The Board Committee Chairs met out of session to consider enhancing each Committee's Terms of Reference to ensure cultural and diversity issues were considered as part of each Committee's purpose and responsibilities.
- The Board noted the current Project Status Update for the HIVE including the launch of the program at Armadale Health Service. The Board were pleased to hear about the positive uptake at AHS and the feedback from both clinicians and consumers.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at Armadale Health Service.

Mr Ian Smith  
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board