



HSS Board COMMUNIQUÉ

December 2020 Meeting

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Health Support Services (HSS) Board meeting held on 3 December 2020 at 140 William Street, Perth WA.

The Board was pleased to welcome the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, Hon. Roger Cook MLA. The Deputy Premier thanked HSS for the extensive work done in successfully developing and delivering the new venue registration application, SafeWA, within 22 days.

He acknowledged HSS for playing an effective role in the State's COVID-19 response, recognising HSS as a primary enabler for successful delivery of health care into the future.

He also spoke to his expectations of HSS in supporting and delivering key Government priorities including the Digital Health Strategy and the Electronic Medical Record system.

Key Discussion

The Board discussed the approach to strategic planning for HSS with the aim to complete an HSS Strategic Plan by June 2021. The Board emphasised the importance of engaging customers throughout the strategic planning process.

An overview of the Aboriginal Workforce Action Plan was provided. Key Board members will work with the relevant business unit and the People and Performance Committee to further develop the plan.

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:

- The successful launch of the new SafeWA venue registration application for business and public use.
- The various NAIDOC week celebrations that occurred across HSS, including revealing the new HSS community canvas titled 'Walking Together As One'.
- The successful closure of the tender for the new integrated Human Resource Management Information System, and the commencement of the evaluation process.

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Key Decisions

The Board approved the following:

- Inventory write offs of inventory cycle counts in the 2019-20 financial year in line with *Treasurer's Instruction (TI) 807 Write Offs*.
- Annual estimates for the 2020-21 financial year as required by Section 40 of the Financial Management Act 2006 (WA).
- A minor update to the HSS Policy Authorisations Schedule to support procurement operations.

Board Reports and Papers noted

The Board also received the following reports and papers for discussion and noting:

- Update on the status of the HealthNext Program.
- Review on ICT Security including the risk of cyber threats in recent months.
- Aboriginal Workforce Participation Plan.
- People and Performance Committee Report.
- ICT Milestone Roadmap.
- Board Administration Report.

Attendance

Mr Michael Walsh (Chair) Ms Margaret Pyrchla (Deputy Chair) Dr Paul Boyatzis Ms Cheryl Chan Dr Rowan Ellis (via Teams)
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
Ms Carrie Wilson, A/Chief Financial Officer
Mr Ralph Bates, Executive Director, Customer Experience
Ms Emily Pestell, Director, Office of the Chief Executive

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4 February 2021 at 140 William Street, Perth WA 6000.

Mr Michael Walsh Chair, Health Support Services Board