

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Board

Meeting: Wednesday 2 March 2022 by video conference

Dear colleagues and community members

The Children's Health Queensland Board held the March Board meeting virtually due to the severe weather events that impacted South East Queensland. The meeting was chaired by David Gow, who paid respect to the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we walk, talk, work and live.

The Board Chair provided the following updates:

- The Chief Executive of Ronald McDonald House Charities Queensland, John Gilmour announced his retirement. CHQ's relationship with RMHC has blossomed under Mr Gilmour's leadership and the Board anticipates a positive ongoing relationship with RMHC into the future.
- Prof Craig Munns, Director of UQ's Child Health Research Centre and Senior Paediatric Endocrinologist at CHQ, has been appointed as Mayne Professor of Paediatrics. Prof Munns has been offered a standing invitation to the Board Research Committee. He attended the 28 February 2022 Research Committee meeting and provided a range of valuable insights.

The Board received a comprehensive update from the Health Service Chief Executive (HSCE) on a range of matters, including:

- COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan Update.
- Paediatric Vaccination and the international evidence of the impacts of COVID-19 on children.
- Proactive support is being provided for the health and wellbeing of staff following the recent severe weather event in South-East Queensland.
- Master Planning for CHQ services and facilities over a 15 year forward horizon.

The Board recognised the extent of the work delivered by the HSCE and CHQ leadership team in responding to both the pandemic and the recent weather events, while continuing to deliver high-quality patient care. The Board acknowledged the CHQ nursing staff who supported West Morton Health during the recent significant flooding event by providing nursing services at Ipswich Hospital.

The Health Equity body of work has been positively recognised by Haylene Grogan, the Deputy Director-General of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. Angela Young, Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement, was specifically recognised for her contribution.



Other key matters considered at the March meeting included:

- Reports from the Executive Leadership Team including: Operations and Finance Report; Patient Safety and Quality Report; Corporate Report; Workplace Health and Safety Report; Enterprise Risk Report; Quarterly Enterprise Risk Report; Quarterly Compliance Report and Quarterly Nursing Report. The Board and Executive Leadership Team will undertake a range of actions following the meeting to progress our commitment to safe and high-quality healthcare.
- The Executive Director Strategy, Planning, Improvement and Innovation presented the proposed annual update to the CHQ Strategic Plan and the Board approved progression to the Department of Premier and Cabinet with minor amendments.
- The Board received an update from the Executive Director Strategy, Planning, Improvement and Innovation on the Master Planning Project, with the approach taken and work completed to date endorsed by the Board.
- The Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement and the Health Equity Program Manager presented an update to the Board on the status of the CHQ Health Equity Strategy. The Health Equity Strategy is embedded in the overall CHQ Strategic Plan. Inclusion of health equity within the CHQ Leadership Framework sets the tone for ensuring that every employee is empowered to support the achievement of health equity. The Board expressed its appreciation for the involvement of CHQ staff and members of our community in the consultation process, and for the strong support of Health Equity. The Board looks forward to sharing details of the Strategy once the consultation process has been completed.
- The Executive Director Allied Health and Acting Divisional Director Child and Youth Mental Health Services provided a summary of the current state assessment of the Eating Disorders Clinical Service redesign. The Board noted information and progress to date regarding the Clinical Service Redesign of the Eating Disorders Service across CHQ Hospital and Health Service with completion of the Current State Assessment and commencement of Action Planning.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your ongoing commitment to keeping our community safe.

David Gow
Chair
Children's Health Queensland Board



The CHQ Board: David Gow (Chair), Cheryl Herbert (Deputy Chair), A/Prof Martin Byrne, Suzanne Cadigan, A/Prof Simon Denny, Will Fellowes, Karina Hogan, Meredith Staib, Heather Watson and Ross Willims.

This summary of Board discussion and decisions made does not form or represent any part of the minutes of the meeting.

