

PathWest Board Communique

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting as well as other important information.

In attendance:

Professor Christobel Saunders (Chair)	Dr Sue van Leeuwen (A/Deputy Chair)
Kevin Taylor	Samantha Elder
Michele Dolin	Angie Paskevicius
Dr Kim Hames	Robert McPhee

July 2020 Board Meeting

The inaugural Board Meeting was held on Thursday, 2 July 2020 at Fiona Stanley Hospital. The Director General, WA Health and PathWest Executive were also in attendance to provide a formal induction for Board members to PathWest. This was a great opportunity for our new Board members to meet the Executive team and receive a brief presentation of the great work that PathWest does as well as discuss some the current issues and challenges.

The members also enjoyed a tour of the FSH laboratory, providing a brief snapshot of the key work we do across multiple disciplines. As a part of the induction the Board was provided with the following presentations / information:

- An overview of the WA Health governance arrangements and the priority and focus areas from a System Manager perspective.
- The three (3) main focus areas for Boards are:
 - Safety and Quality as a priority for patients;
 - Clinical performance; and
 - Financial performance.
- The three main ICT WA Health priorities are:
 - Laboratory Information System (LIS);
 - Health Next (new infrastructure for whole of health); and
 - New imaging system.
- The operational management of the PathWest directorate, which included an overview as well as key issues and priorities.
- Summary of the 'big ticket' focus areas for PathWest. These include (but are not limited to):
 - Laboratory Information System (LIS) Replacement Project
 - Organisational structure
 - Financial transparency
 - Stakeholder engagement

Summary of Matters for Decision

- A request for a leave for Board member Professor Gelareh Farshid was endorsed (for up to 6 months).

Summary of Matters for Discussion

- A review of the Board Committee draft Terms of Reference. The Committees currently under the auspices of the Board include Finance, Risk and Audit, Safety and Quality; and People and Culture. The membership of these Committee's will be made up of PathWest Board members and is still to be determined.

Summary of Matters for Noting

- Professor Tarun Weeramanthri has gone to Victoria (as a WA Health employee) to provide public health expertise to manage the spike in COVID-19 cases. During this time, Professor Weeramanthri will not be an active member on the PathWest Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, 6 August 2020.

Board meetings will be held at various locations across PathWest, including community sites, and where possible, will use the opportunity to meet staff, patients, clients and view facilities.

Professor Christobel Saunders
Chair, PathWest Board
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