

PathWest Board Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the May 2022 Board meeting.

Member attendance:

Ms. Angie Paskevicius (Chair)

Prof. Christobel Saunders - via VC

Mr. Kevin Taylor - via VC

Mr. Robert McPhee - via VC

Ms. Michele Dolin - via VC

Apologies:

Dr. Kim Hames

In attendance

Mr. Adrian Bautista (Chief Executive)

Ms. Nicola Chisholm

Ms. Fiona Collins

Dr. Benhur Amanuel

Professor. Michael Millward

Prof. Tarun Weeramanthri - via VC

Prof. Gelareh Farshid - via VC

Ms. Samantha Elder - via VC

Ms. Analiese Sidhu

Mr. Aus Molan

May 2022 Board Meeting

The May Board meeting was held at the QEII Medical Campus in the Harry Perkins Building and via MS Teams on Thursday, 5 May 2022. The Board remains aware of the changing situation due to COVID-19 within the community and for this reason decided to hold this meeting virtually. Future meetings will be held in accordance with government guidelines around social distancing in relation to minimising the spread of COVID-19.

The Board received a highly informative presentation from Dr. Benhur Amanuel and Professor Michael Millward on Genomics and Precision Oncology in Western Australia and the Community Health and Hospital Program (CHHP).

The Board was impressed by the progress of the program and noted the importance of this being a national project, with the associated benefits it will bring in the future. They were interested to learn of the strong collaboration between this project and Genetic Services, Department of Health, consumer groups and universities and of how it aligns with the WA Cancer Plan using local clinical trials and institutions such as the Linear Clinical Research.

The Board looks forward to receiving updates on this fascinating program at future Board meetings.

Key matters for decision / discussion:

Laboratory Information System (LIS)

Ms Analiese Sidhu, A/Executive Director Corporate Services and Ms Fiona Collins, A/Service Manager ICT provided an update to the Board on a range of key LIS IT issues. The Board was advised of the successful release of the first package of updates on 12 April 2022 and that software automation testing is currently under way to automate workflows.

Biochemistry Update

Aus Molan A/Director Procurement and Customer Relations provided the Board with an update on the Biochemistry Tender. The update clarified the Cost per Reportable Result and Equipment Service and Maintenance financial models.

The following benefits were highlighted:

- Reduced transaction points allowing simplified forecasting; and
- Downsides are inherently controlled within the mechanism of the models overarching KPI targets and abatements are monitored quarterly forming the framework of Contract Management.

Committee updates:

The Board was given an overview of the latest Safety and Quality meeting held on 26 April 2022, advising of the paper presented to the Committee, detailing a gap analysis between the existing Clinical Governance Framework and the work currently being done to update what is required for our current organisational structure.

A message from the Board Chair

The Chair updated the Board of the positive meetings held with North Metropolitan Board Chair and Child and Adolescent Health Service Board Chair, with both expressing the good working relationships with PathWest.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held at QEII Medical Campus and via MS Teams on Thursday, 6 June 2022.

Ms. Angie Paskevicius Chair, PathWest Board

5 May 2022



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