

Minutes for ISLHD Board Meeting

01/11/2021 | 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM - AEST

Microsoft Teams

Attendees (9)

Alan Hudson; William Lovegrove; Rod McMahon; John Stubbs; Josh Rijdsdijk; Richard Morris; Janine Cullen; David Campbell; Chris Bertinshaw

Agenda

ITEM 1: Chair's Consultation

The Board held a brief consultative session and discussed the requirement for company directors to apply for a director ID via the ASIC portal. If the ISLHD Board is the only board members are on, this is not required.

ITEM 2: Welcome

The meeting opened at 2.02pm.

2.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Mr Alan Hudson advised the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District is committed to reconciliation with the First Nations Peoples for whom the lands on which it operates are their traditional lands.

He acknowledged the ancestors of that country and paid respects to elders past, present and future.

He expressed the Board's gratitude that they share these lands today, their sorrow for the costs of that sharing, and the hope and belief that the District can move to a place of equity, justice and partnership together.

Rod McMahon joined the meeting at 2.06pm.

2.2 Attendance

Members:

Chris Bertinshaw, Board Chair

Janine Cullen, Board Member

David Campbell, Board Member

Rod McMahon, Board Member

Richard Morris, Board Member

Bill Lovegrove, Board Member

John Stubbs, Board Member

Alan Hudson, Board Member

Others in Attendance:

Margot Mains, Chief Executive

Jessica De Angelis, Executive Officer

Angela Twist, Board Secretary

2.3 Apologies

There were no apologies for this meeting.

2.4 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests.

ITEM 3: Business from the last meeting

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes - 18 October 2021

The Board approved the minutes of 18 October 2021.

3.2 Actions Items Arising

The Board received the list of action items arising.

3.3 Resolutions Register

The Board received the Register of Board resolutions.

ITEM 4: For Approval

4.1 Delegation Manual Amendments

RESOLUTION 2021/60: The Board ratified the changes to the Delegations Manual – Part 1 V.8.2.

ITEM 5: Committee Reports (including Annual Reports)

5.1 Finance and Workforce Performance Committee

The Board received the minutes of the Finance and Workforce Performance Committee meeting held 27 September 2021 and the Annual Report 2020-21.

5.2 Health Care Quality and Safety Committee

The Board received the minutes of the meeting of the Health Care Quality and Safety Committee on 29 September 2021 and the Annual Report 2020-21.

5.3 Aboriginal Health Committee

The Board received the Annual Report to the Board 2020/21 from the Aboriginal Health Committee.

5.4 Planning and Innovation Committee

The Board received the Annual Report provided and a verbal report on the meeting held 1 November 2021.

5.5 Audit and Risk Committee

The Board received the ISLHD Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report to the Board 2021.

ITEM 6: Quarterly Board Report April - June 2021

The Board received the NSW Health performance report for Boards – April to June 2021.

The process of the terms of reference (TOR) review was discussed with the Board querying the role they played in the review. They were advised the TOR had been drafted and would be reviewed by management prior to being received by the Committees for review.

ITEM 7: Board Chair Report

The Board Chair had no general business to report.

ITEM 8: Chief Executive Report

The Board received the report provided and the Chief Executive verbally noted:

- the focus for the Senior Executive Forum which was the reset and reshaping of the Government to create the best health system noting; the residual effects of COVID and the need to continue to focus on business as usual and be agile for any fluctuations; the collective wellbeing of staff which is critical; the work around transitioning from COVID safe to COVID smart and how the state manages COVID long term and can better support the vulnerable communities

- the commencement of vaccination boosters at the ISLHD mass vaccination centre
- the staff terminations which will commence the following week after a number of hearings
- the significant work being undertaken with staff suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, particularly those in the intensive care unit.

The Board sought assurances from the Chief Executive that the management of the staff terminations in relation to those unwilling to be vaccinated was in line with advice and policy directives from the Ministry of Health.

Discussions were held regarding the increase in pathology testing which the CE confirmed was not entirely due to COVID. The District has had a focus on this for some years as well as medical imaging and will continue to do so.

The Board requested further information on distribution of the mental health funding to support post COVID services, which the CE will provide.

Regarding the financial risk of the unfunded COVID expenditure, the CE advised she will provide the Board a copy of the briefing note being provided to the Ministry of Health outlining the specific funding the District is seeking.

ACTION 186/21: Chief Executive to send the Board further information on the provision of funding to the District in terms of the mental health recovery. (Assignee(s): Margot Mains; Due Date: 05/11/2021)

ACTION 187/21: Chief Executive to send a copy of the briefing note of areas that are unfunded by COVID though the District is seeking funding for. (Assignee(s): Margot Mains; Due Date: 05/11/2021)

ITEM 9: Closure of General Meeting

The meeting closed at 2.40pm