

Minutes for ISLHD Board Meeting

06/12/2021 | 02:30 PM - 05:30 PM - AEST

Civic Centre, Shellharbour

Attendees (8)

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

Professor Bill Lovegrove was an apology for this meeting.

Agenda

ITEM 1: Annual Public Meeting

The Board held their Annual Public Meeting from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. In order to remain COVID smart, the meeting was recorded and made available to the general public.

The event provided an opportunity to highlight the magnitude of the COVID-19 pandemic response while still showcasing the many achievements of the past 12 months.

The community also heard from the outgoing Board Chair, Professor Denis King OAM and the new Board Chair, Mr Chris Bertinshaw on his experiences of the District and the work being undertaken to address the Illawarra and Shoalhaven's health care needs into the future.

The opportunity to provide questions for the Board and Chief Executive was available to the public, though no questions were received.

The meeting commenced a 'Week of Thanks' to the staff of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District.

The Board noted their appreciation of the attendance of Uncle Richard Davis, Chairperson of the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation who performed the Welcome to Country.

The Chief Executive thanked the Board Secretary, Angela Twist for her organisation and contribution to the event.

ITEM 2: Presentation

2.1 Integrated Care, Mental Health, Planning, Information and Performance Showcase

The Board received a presentation from the Integrated Care, Mental Health, Planning, Information and Performance Directorate on their achievements of 2021. Presenters were:

- Curtis Gregory – Director ISLHD Public Health Service
- Gareth Lucas, Director ISLHD Ambulatory & Primary Health Care
- Mark O'Connor - Director, ISLHD Oral Health Service
- Sue Fitzpatrick - Executive Director, ISLHD Allied Health & Disability
- David Reid – Director, ISLHD Drug & Alcohol Service
- Julie Carter - Director, ISLHD Mental Health Service
- Kirsty Temple - Workforce Support Manager, ICMHPIP Workforce Support Services
- Amy Hains - Director, ISLHD Planning, Information and Performance
- Andrew Sulter - Manager Aboriginal Workforce & Culture, Aboriginal Health Strategy
- Caroline Langston - Executive Director Integrated Care, Mental Health, Planning, Information & Performance.

The Board and Chief Executive thanked and commended the team on their many accomplishments over the past year while also noting the obvious passion for what they do.

ITEM 3: BREAK AND MEETING OPEN

The Board took a brief recess.

The meeting commenced at 3.55pm.

The Board Chair 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.

ITEM 4: Business from the last meeting

4.1 Minutes from the last meeting held 1 November 2021

The Board approved the minutes of 1 November 2021.

ITEM 5: Matters for Approval

5.1 Terms of Reference

The Board considered and discussed the draft terms of reference for the four sub-committees. It was noted:

- Terms of Reference had been endorsed by the relevant Committee and Executive Sponsors
- Additional Board Members may be appointed in 2022, so a further review may occur.

RESOLUTION 2021/61: The Board approved the:

1. Finance and Workforce Performance Committee Terms of Reference
2. Planning and Innovation Committee Terms of Reference
3. Health Care Quality Committee Terms of Reference
4. Aboriginal Health Committee Terms of Reference.

5.2 Board Capability Development Schedule 2022

The Board received the proposed Capability Development Schedule for 2022 noting this was produced following a survey completed by Members ranking their highest priority topics.

RESOLUTION 2021/63: The Board approved the capability development programme and schedule for 2022.

5.3 Annual Safety and Quality Account 2020-21

The Board considered the Annual Safety and Quality Account 2020-21 and discussed the review and endorsement of same provided by the Health Care Quality Committee.

RESOLUTION 2021/61: The Board approved the 2020-2021 Safety & Quality Account for submission to the Ministry of Health by 15 December 2021.

The Board commended the large amount of work which had been undertaken to produce such a professional document and requested the team involved be notified.

ITEM 6: Board Chair Report

The Board Chair provided a verbal update to the Members regarding items from the Council of Board Chairs meeting which included:

- the communication from the Minister for Health advising it is not the role of the Board to create an efficiency dividend back to the Government, but rather to deliver the best quality care for the community within the allocated budget
- the need to support all Local Health Districts as a network, just as was done during the height of the COVID pandemic.

The Chair of the South West Sydney Local Health District requested his thanks be passed onto ISLHD staff for their support during the pandemic.

The Board discussed the perceived disconnect between the role of the Board and the difficult targets set by the Ministry.

ITEM 7: Chief Executive Report

The Board received the report provided by the Chief Executive and a presentation on the current status of COVID-19 and the future plans to transition to COVID smart.

The Board discussed the importance of ensuring the Community do not get complacent with the COVID safe measures, particularly during the Christmas and New Year period and the need to harness relationships with key community organisations to deliver that message.

ITEM 8: Strategic Matters for Noting

8.1 Audited Financial Statements

The Board received the Audited Financial Statements for the year end 30 June 2021 and expressed their thanks to Mr Abbas Alibhai, Executive Director Finance and the Finance Team for the work undertaken to produce the statements.

ITEM 10: Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 4.36pm.