



Board Update

March 2023

A meeting of the Central West Health Board (the Board) was held on Wednesday 1 March 2023, at Longreach. The Board meeting was chaired by Ms Jane Williams and attended by six (6) Board members.

The following matters were dealt with at the meeting:

- The Board received reports provided by the Board Chair, Safety and Quality Committee and Health Service Chief Executive's (HSCE) report.
- Mr Anthony West, HSCE, provided a comprehensive report on the operations, activity and governance of the health service in line with the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.
- The Board discussed the January 2023 Finance Report and noted the financial position of the health service.
- An external Board Evaluation was completed resulting in opportunities to further strengthen and improve the Board functions.
- The Board completed Work Health and Safety Wellbeing Due Diligence Training. The training ensured all Board members complied with their legal duties as defined in the Work Health and Safety Act 2011. The training informed the Board how they can monitor and support the quality of service being delivered. The training highlighted the importance of setting an organisational culture which promotes openness, transparency and accountability. Compliance in all elements will require focus in future reporting to the Board and its committees.

As the worldwide medical and nursing workforce shortages continues, Central West Hospital and Health Service (CWHHS) continues to deliver services in sustainable and innovative ways.

The Board continues to work closely with the Executive Leadership Team and CWHHS staff to deliver far-reaching healthcare across Central West Queensland.

The Board look forward to receiving critical updates on the ongoing work to improve appropriate access to safe, quality healthcare services with the next Board meeting scheduled on 5 April 2023.

This summary of key issues discussed, and decisions made is approved for publishing and does not form or represent any part of the minutes of the meeting.

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