



Board Update

June 2022

Welcome to the Central West Hospital and Health Service (CWHHS) Board Update for June 2022. This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the CWHHS Board (the Board) meeting.

The Board meeting was chaired by Ms Jane Williams and attended by seven (7) members. Reports were received and noted from the Chair, the Audit and Risk Committee and the Acting Health Service Chief Executive, Mr Christopher Sullivan. The Acting Chief Executive provided a comprehensive report to the Board on the operations, activities and governance of the health service in line with the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

The Board was invigorated by a presentation that captured the innovative work completed in preparation for the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland Meeting held at Gladstone in June. The team worked extremely hard to promote the health service with the focus highlighting 'all roads lead to the Central West'. The team will continue to engage with potential recruits using QR codes to connect directly with key medical contacts, further promoting career paths in rural and remote areas.

The Board approved the 2021-2022 Asset Valuations Outcomes which were endorsed by its Audit and Risk Committee in May. The Board discussed the April Finance report, noted the current financial position of the health service and acknowledged that work towards completing the annual financial

statements is on track. This element of work is an important way to provide our communities with confidence that CWHHS is managing resources appropriately.

The Board supported initiatives brought forward by the CWHHS Executive Leadership Team (ELT), including implementation strategies from Project R and recent medical, nursing and midwifery recruitment and retention reviews conducted in response to clinical workforce shortages.

CWHHS is working towards developing sustainable and innovative ways to deliver services to our communities, as the worldwide medical and nursing workforce shortages continues.

The Board and ELT will continue to discuss the clinical workforce challenges being faced throughout the state, and how we can work together to respond to this challenge.

The next scheduled Board meeting is 6 July 2022 at Longreach. As part of a Board commitment to ongoing community connectivity, the August meeting will be held at Blackall.

The Board looks forward to working closely with Christopher Sullivan, Acting Health Service Chief Executive, and all CWHHS teams. Our shared aim is to deliver farreaching healthcare to the Central West Queensland communities we are privileged to serve.

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