

Minutes of the Hunter New England Local Health District Board

One hundred and thirtieth meeting

17 May 2023

**Venue: University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health,
Tamworth Education Centre / MS Teams**

Present

Dr Martin Cohen (Chair), Mr Kevin Dupè, Dr Patrick Farrell, Mr Robert Hawes (MS teams), Ms Meagan Hudson (MS teams), Ms Anita Kauffmann (MS teams), Dr Kirsten Molloy, Ms Elizabeth Nicol, Prof Peter O'Mara, Dr Stephen Pryde, Prof Penelope Paliadelis, Ms Lyn Raines and Mrs Wendy Wilks.

Apologies

Dr Rob Pickles.

In attendance

Ms Tracey McCosker, Ms Susan Heyman, Dr Mary Morgan (MS teams), Dr Nigel Lyons and Ms Kylie McNamara.

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 AT 9:00AM

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1. By consent item registration

The Board DISCUSSED if there were any items for attention from the Board committee reports.

2. Welcome to country, declaration of conflicts of interest, welcome invitees/executive

The Board Chair, Dr Martin Cohen opened the business meeting at 9:00am. The Chair ACKNOWLEDGED the traditional owners of the country on which members were participating, and paid respects to Elders past and present.

There were no conflicts of interest declared by Board members.

The Board Chair welcomed Ms Susan Heyman to the meeting. Susan is the Executive Director, Rural and Regional Health Services.

3. Confirmation of previous minutes, review of action log

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2023 had been circulated. The Board resolved that the minutes are a true record of the meeting, inclusive of the amendments discussed. The minutes were adopted, by Ms Wendy Wilks and seconded by Dr Kirsten Molloy. The minutes will be published on the Hunter New England Health internet site.

ACTION: Ms Kylie McNamara

Previous action items were DISCUSSED and NOTED by the Board.

4. Chief Executive update

The Chief Executive's report had been circulated in the business papers and were DISCUSSED. Matters included:

- Out and about
- New Health Minister
- Recruitment
- New PET scanner for Tamworth
- Maitland Hospital Workshop
- Temporary reduction of services at Wee Waa
- Celebrating International Day of the Midwife and International Nurses Day
- Connectivity Centre for job seekers now open in Newcastle
- JHHIP prototype rooms
- Johnston House – Tamworth
- Net Zero leads
- 2023 HESTA Australian Nursing and Midwifery Awards
- WHS Summary
- Annual leave

5. Clinical Transformation presentation

Dr Nigel Lyons gave a presentation to the Board in relation to "What does the future look like for the NSW Health system?" The presentation was NOTED by the Board.

The board expressed SUPPORT for the strategic directions outlined by Dr Nigel Lyons in his presentation to the Board today. In addition the board THANKED Dr Lyons for his presentation, and looks forward to further advice in relation to the strategies outlined today.

The presentation is to be uploaded to diligent for Board member reference.

ACTION: Ms Kylie McNamara

6. Above the line agreed behaviours

The Board DISCUSSED the code of conduct.

The District CORE values are to be distributed to Board members for reference.

ACTION: Ms Kylie McNamara

Dr Mary Morgan left the meeting at 12:55pm.

STANDING ITEMS – COMMITTEE REPORT (by exception discussion)

7. Finance and performance

The Finance Management reports for the month ending April 2023 had been circulated in the business papers. The report was NOTED by the Board.

8. Quality and Clinical Safety Committee

There were no papers for this meeting.

9. Medical Staff Executive Council

There were no papers for this meeting.

10. Report by exception only: Discussion items

- District Clinical Council
- Medical and Dental Appointments Advisory Committee
A brief and minutes from the meeting held on 18 April 2023 had been distributed in the Board papers. The brief and minutes were NOTED by the Board.
- Aboriginal Health Committee
- Community and Patient Partnership Committee

11. Board meeting dates 2023

There were no papers for this meeting.

The Board DISCUSSED the frequency of the Board meetings. This will be re-visited at a future meeting.

12. Items without notice

There were no papers for this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

13. Board Evaluation – proposed changes

There were no papers for this meeting.

FOR INFORMATION

14. Finance and Performance Committee meeting minutes

A brief and minutes from the meeting held on 18 April 2023 had been distributed in the Board papers. The brief and minutes were NOTED by the Board.

Ms Meagan Hudson left the meeting at 1:15pm.

- 15. Medical and Dental Appointments Advisory Committee meeting report**
A brief and minutes from the meeting held on 18 April 2023 had been distributed in the Board papers. The brief and minutes were NOTED by the Board.
- 16. Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting minutes**
A brief and minutes from the meeting held on 28 March 2023 had been distributed in the Board papers. The brief and minutes were NOTED by the Board.
- 17. District Clinical Council Committee meeting minutes**
A brief and minutes from the meeting held on 12 April 2023 had been distributed in the Board papers. The brief and minutes were NOTED by the Board.
- 18. Community and Patient Partnership Committee minutes**
There were no papers for this meeting.
- 19. Aboriginal Health Committee minutes**
There were no papers for this meeting.
- 20. Sustainability Committee minutes**
A brief and minutes from the meeting held on 30 March 2023 had been distributed in the Board papers. The brief and minutes were NOTED by the Board.
- 21. NDIS update**
A brief had been distributed in the Board papers. The brief was NOTED by the Board.
- 22. Aboriginal employment update**
A report had been distributed in the Board papers. The report was NOTED by the Board.

The Board Chair, Dr Martin Cohen closed the meeting at 1:35pm.