

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board Meeting 28 February 2017

Summary of the key issues discussed and decisions made by the Board

A meeting of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board (the Board) was held on 28 February 2017 at the Taroom Hospital. The meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Horan AM and attended by all (8) members of the Board.

Ms Karen Stumer, Acting Director of Nursing and Dr Vasuthan Sellathurai, Medical Superintendent of Taroom Hospital attended the meeting to provide a presentation to the Board on the Taroom Hospital.

A range of matters were dealt with at the meeting including:

- The Board received and noted reports provided from the Board Executive, Board Finance, Board Audit and Risk and Board Safety and Quality Committees.
- The Health Service Chief Executive provided a comprehensive report to the Board on the operations, activity and governance of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) in line with identified service priorities and performance indicators.
- The Board discussed the Chief Finance Officer report and the current financial position of the DDHHS.
- The Board endorsed the updated DDHHS Delegations Policy a key mechanism by which the Board exercises its statutory authority responsibly, effectively and efficiently.
- The Board endorsed the allocation of \$200,000 from the Board's accumulated surplus fund for the completion of the Dalby Hospital Training and Education Centre Refurbishment.
- The Board discussed the initial contract offer for 2017-18 from the Department of Health.
- The Board discussed the infrastructure project report which provided an update on progress to date on the DDHHS infrastructure program.
- The Board discussed the correspondence received from Radiation Oncology Services regarding the proposed changes to billing for public outpatients and the proposed strategy to address the service change.
- The Board noted the progress report from Queensland Country Practice on the review of secondary and primary care services in Warwick.
- The Board noted the *Closing the Gap Prime Minister's Report 2016* and potential implications for the DDHHS.
- The Board noted the response provided by the HSCE Forum in relation to the Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Enquiry – Recommendation 1: Review of Statewide Services.
- The Board noted the Queensland Audit Office's intention to include the DDHHS in this year's area of control focus audit on organisational structure and accountability.
- The Board noted the correspondence from the Mental Health Commissioner regarding the commissions review of the *Queensland Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Strategic Plan 2014-2019* (the Strategic Plan).

On Monday 27 February 2017, after a combined strategic planning workshop with the DDHHS Executive Management Team, the Board continued its program of visiting DDHHS facilities and visited the Miles

Hospital, Miles Primary Health Care Centre and new onsite Staff Accommodation. The Board met with key staff members from Miles Hospital to thank them for their continued efforts in providing excellent patient care and services to the community. The Board and Executive Management Team also met with Mr Ross Musgrove, Chief Executive Officer, Western Downs Regional Council at the Dalby Community Health Centre and discussed the shared visions of both organisations.

The Board stayed in Wandoan on Monday evening and took the opportunity to meet with Ms Cecilia Donohoe, President, Wandoan Auxiliary, Mr Paul Baker, Director of Nursing / Facility Manager Wandoan Health Service, Ms Karen Abbott A/Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery Service and Ms Andrea Nagle, A/Cluster Operations Manager – Western.

On Tuesday 28 February a lunchtime stakeholder engagement function was also held in Taroom. The function was attended by key staff from Taroom Hospital, Cr Nev Ferrier, Mayor; Cr Warren Middleton, Deputy Mayor; Cr David Snell; and Mr Ray Geraghty, Chief Executive Officer of the Banana Shire Council, as well as key local community and support service groups and local business leaders.

The Board took the opportunity to visit and tour the Taroom Hospital and general practice clinic and meet with hospital staff following the Board Meeting on Tuesday 28 February 2017.

This summary of key issues discussed and decisions made is approved for publishing by the Executive Committee of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board and does not form or represent any part of the minutes of the meeting.