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## Hospital and Health Board

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## Board Meeting Summary

**Meeting date:** Thursday 23 January 2014

**Location:** The Executive Office Meeting Room, Mackay Base Hospital

**Attendees:** Mr Colin Meng (Chair); Darryl Camilleri (Deputy Chair); Tom McMillan; John Nugent; Laura Veal; Dr Helen Archibald; Prof Richard Murray;

**Invitees:** Mr Kerry McGovern (Chief Executive); Ms Rhonda Morton (Chief Operations Officer); Ms Terry Johnson (Exec Dir Rural Services); Ms Leila Barrett (Exec Dir People & Culture);

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

- The Board received and noted reports from the Board Finance Committee, the Board Patient & Quality Governance Committee and the Board Strategic & Service Planning Committee.
- The Board supported the advice of the Board Patient & Quality Governance Committee to take part in 'Chair Clinical Rounding'. The proposed process for the Chair Clinical Rounding session is to identify a clinical area to undertake a round with an executive member, proceed to review the key clinical area, identify any issue/s, categorise and rectify according to level of risk to patient safety and feedback to the clinical area via the Executive member.
- The Strategic & Service Planning Committee noted that the repairs and maintenance remediation program \$'s are still to be expended but advised that a program has been put in place to have the works completed by 30 June.
- The Board received an overview of the activities of the Finance committee noting that patient activity is close to targets across all facilities. Pathology costs are notable up and this matter is under review.
- Rhonda Morton provided the Board with an overview of potential Smoking areas and structures that could be established on hospital facilities. The Board were informed of the many issues staff faced when endeavouring to encourage patients not to smoke on site.
- The Board members were updated on the recent social media outburst regarding car parking on the Mackay Base Hospital campus.
- The Board were advised that the Satellite Renal Unit has started operation and has been successful in getting the first patient home using the home dialysis.
- The three sets of MHHS owned staff accommodation units have been taken over by Public Works and the board were advised that the units 288 Bridge Road have been taken over by the Mental Health Transition Recovery Program to be used to transitioning mental health patients back into the community.
- The Mackay Base Hospital is one of the pilot sites for Electronic Medical Records and the Board were informed that this would go live on 29 January. The Board members were encouraged to view take the time to see how the system works.
- 34 medical interns were welcomed to Mackay earlier in the month and board members were encouraged to talk with them should the opportunity arise. Four will be based at the Mater.
- The Board members along with the Chief Executive and Executive Director Rural Services plan to visit the northern facilities 29 January and will have the opportunity to meet staff.
- An informative session was provided to the Board on the introduction of medical contracts and the processes and meetings that have taken place during the past couple of months to ensure the medical staff were fully informed. These contracts need to be finalised by 30 April.
- The next board meeting will take place at Dysart Hospital as part of the Western facilities trip scheduled for 20 February. Moranbah, Dysart and Clermont facilities will be visited.