Mackay Hospital and Health Service Board



Colin F Meng Chair

Board Meeting Summary

Meeting date: 21 November 2013

Key issues discussed and decisions made in the meeting included:

- The Board were updated on the successful lease negotiations that have taken place to obtaining access to a vacant block of land on Bridge Road directly across from the hospital that will be utilised for staff car parking. The block of land will hold 100 vehicles and will be allocated to staff of the hospital. In doing so the front car parks will be freed up for clients of the hospital.
- The Board were provided an update on the debate across the state on Legal Liability & Insurance for Directors and Officers of the Hospital and Health Services. Work is continuing with legal firms on the way forward for purchase of insurance once the Treasurer have given appropriate approvals.
- The Board were advised that the Satellite Renal Unit has an anticipated opening for mid January 2014. Staff is undertaking training in the use of the equipment.
- The Board discussed the patient survey proposal received from Press Ganey Associates. Enquiries will be made of Patient Safety Unit as to when the next state wide survey will be undertaken..
- The Board members were updated on the submission written in relation to the Hospital Foundation review.
- The Board noted the Finance & Audit Committee report and were pleased to note that the Own Source Revenue is performing well and the board asked that staff be commended.
- Board were advised that the Internal Auditor will review various functions in coming months. The sick leave figures are high and concern expressed that this has potential to impact on the expenses quickly.
- The Board Chair gave an overview of his activities for the month and included:
 - o Meeting with Ross Musgrove, Deputy Director Public Sector Renewal
 - o Attended the Queensland Clinical Senate Workshop with the CE.
 - O Meeting with the owner of the land across from the hospital to discuss parking.
 - o Meeting with 3 local GP's to outline plans for the MHHS.
 - o Meeting has been arranged with Moranbah GP's.
 - o Discussion held with staff in regard to doctors contracts.
- The Board were introduced to Leila Barrett, who has taken over the executive positions of Director People & Culture.
- The Board noted all the Executive Monthly reports.
- The Board approved four business cases: ENT; Radiography; Innovation and conditionally approved the Emergency Department SMO.