

SALHN GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting

06 December 2022

8:30 am – 9:30 am (ACST)

Teams Meeting

INVITEES

Board members	SALHN Executive
<u>In attendance</u> Mr Mark Butcher (Chair) Assoc Prof Tamara Mackean Ms Julie Mitchell Ms Jill Noble Ms Jenny Richter Prof Judy Searle Dr Tony Sherbon	<u>Standing attendance</u> Dr Kerrie Freeman, Chief Executive Officer Ms Amy Ross, Interim Chief Strategy Officer
	<u>In attendance for specific items</u> Ms Kelly Lewis, Acting Chief Operating Officer Mr Michael Nance, Clinical Director, Mental Health Services Ms Karen Mugford, I/Board Secretariat
<u>Apologies</u> Ms Virginia Hickey	

~ The meeting commenced at 8:30 am ~

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair recognised the Kaurua Acknowledgement of Country.

The Chair welcomed Board members and all those in attendance to the meeting.

2. Matter for Decision

2.1 Use of the Southern Intermediate Care Centre Building

The Chair summarised previous discussions by the Board in relation to the short and longer term use of the building. Discussions continue with Drug and Alcohol Services SA for a location of their Managed Alcohol Program.

The Chair advised that this matter is being considered out of session to support timeliness of strategies enabling patient flow, commencement of facility modifications, and notifications to relevant parties.

In reaching their decision, the Board:

- Appreciated that T2H relocation and Ward 6 activation is possible quickly, with Ward 5 operational in early 2023, noting that our services will realign on the Repat Health Precinct (RPH) site following completion of infrastructure builds in mid-2024.
- Recognised this move will provide up to 26 inpatient beds at Flinders Medical Centre for us to support current inpatient demand as Ward 5 at Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) will move to Wards 5 and 6 at RHP.
- Noted the Chief Executive, SA Health is aware of this proposal and that, from initial discussions with the Chief Psychiatrist and the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, there is indicative support noting concerns about repurposing the building from mental health service use.
- Noted the alignment of T2H use of the building to the term of the current contract between DHS and DHS and the level of risk assessed in relation to renewal of the contract, which is considered likely to be renewed,
- Recognised there is potential that the building may be used post June 2023 by T2H pending contract renewal by the DHW and DHS.

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- Appreciated there may be stakeholder interest and queries in the repurposing of the building away from mental health services which will require proactive management.
- Expressed their expectations that there is investment in mental health services to service our community.
- Noted that a proposal is in development, in consultation with the DHW and Chief Psychiatrist, for discussion with the Board in early 2023, for a service to increase the use of mental health services by a broader range of participants in areas of need from our patient cohort.

DECISION: The Board approved that the Southern Intermediate Care Centre building be used until June 2023 initially, to deliver the Transition To Home program, moving the service from the Repat Health Precinct Wards 5 and 6.

Action: Brief to be prepared to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to notify of Board's decision.

2.2 Any other business

2.2.a. Obstetrics and Gynaecological Services

The Board noted the recent media regarding the Women's and Children's Local Health Network professional accreditation. Members discussed activities in progress relating to our recent accreditation assessment and monitoring by the Board; anticipating that there may be media interest in our services.

2.2.b. Demand management

The Chair discussed the occupancy of our services and acknowledged management and staff's efforts around the clock to manage patient flow.

The Chair thanked all in attendance for their contribution to the extraordinary meeting.



Approved as an accurate record of proceedings
BOARD CHAIR