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This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Whyalla Hospital and Health Services Health Advisory Council by:

Sandra Plew

Presiding Member



21/09/2018

Signature

Date

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Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

Agency purpose or role

The Health Advisory Council was established by the then Minister for Health and Ageing to undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community and to provide advice in relation to health matters, amongst other functions.

The constitution is available at <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/>

Objectives

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Legislation administered by the agency

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Organisation of the agency

Health Advisory Councils in country South Australia undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community. The Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc (Governing Council) acts as an 'umbrella body' for other Health Advisory Councils, providing advice from a whole of country perspective.

Regional Presiding Member representatives also come together as the Presiding Members Panel to facilitate communication exchange between the local Health Advisory Councils and the Governing Council.

Membership of the Health Advisory Council can include:

- Up to eight community members
- Nominee of Local Government
- A local Member of Parliament or their nominee
- A medical practitioner member
- A worker from Country Health SA Local Health Network

A list of current members is available at:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/Whyalla

Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc

Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc (Governing Council)

Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council

Leigh Creek Health Services Health Advisory Council

Port Augusta, Roxby Downs, Woomera Health Advisory Council

Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council

Employment opportunity programs

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Agency performance management and development systems

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Work health, safety and return to work programs of the agency and their effectiveness

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Work health and safety and return to work performance

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Fraud detected in the agency

| Category/nature of fraud | Number of instances |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Nil | 0 |

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Health Advisory Councils have specific functions and powers as defined in the *Health Care Act 2008* and the Constitution (for incorporated Health Advisory Councils or Rules (for non-incorporated Health Advisory Councils), including actions that cannot be undertaken without the approval of the Minister.

Health Advisory Councils are instrumentalities of the Crown and subject to relevant Department of Treasury and Finance Treasurers Instructions.

The Constitutions / Rules identify the actions to be undertaken in the event of a conflict of interest. All declared conflicts of interest are reported to the Minister for Health through Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc.

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993* 0

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

Executive employment in the agency

The Health Advisory Committee consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Data for previous years is available at:

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Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

| Consultants | Purpose | Value |
|--|---------|-------|
| Consultancies below \$10,000 each | | |
| Nil | | 0 |
| | | |
| Consultancies above \$10,000 each | | |
| Nil | | 0 |
| Total all consultancies | | 0 |

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

Contractors

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

| Contractor | Purpose | Value |
|------------|---------|-------|
| Nil | | 0 |

Data for the past year is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

The details of all South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website [here](#).

The website also provides details of across government contracts [here](#).

Financial performance of the agency

As the Health Advisory Council is unincorporated, its assets and liabilities are included in the financial reports of Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc.

Other financial information

Nil.

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Nil.

Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

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| <p>Health Care Act 2008</p> |
| <p>Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Act as an advocate to promotion the interests of the community</p> <p><i>Held an Engagement planning meeting in 20 February 2018 with a wide range of consumers from social groups, support networks, Nunyara, Aged Care and Disability providers. This enabled the participants to raise issues, suggestions and ideas on the provision of health services. After this meeting representatives that were present were able to take back information regarding the role of HAC to their groups and to engage with us outside of this meeting</i></p> <p>• Provide advice about relevant aspect of the provision of health services, and relevant health issues, goals, priorities, plans and strategic initiatives</p> <p>HAC members are encouraged to participate and provide feedback to the Port Augusta & Whyalla Health Service Planning Steering Group for future health services in our region.</p> <p>• Encourage community participation in programs</p> <p>Events and meetings in the community can be placed on the Whyalla HAC Facebook page. Invite and encourage community members to become volunteers in the hospital and become involved in the various areas such as Cancer Resource Centre and Cancer Support Network. A volunteer from the Cancer Resource was encouraged and invited to provide information of the services available via a SA Health website video. A group of volunteers were encouraged to assist with updating signage in the old and new sections of the hospital. Volunteers also assisted with preparing signs for lamination. HAC members assist with the co-facilitation of the Service Matters - Going the Extra Mile in-service training. A NAIDOC award was presented to volunteers involved with this program delivery.</p> <p>• Consult with other bodies that are interested in the provision of health services</p> <p>Several HAC members are members of the Whyalla Cancer Network This is felt to be an important link given we have a Regional Cancer Centre in the hospital. The network meet once a month with various cancer support groups and offering support in the Cancer Resource Centre to cancer patients and their families. A newsletter is received from Health Consumers Alliance with feedback encouraged. Consumers are invited to sit on Government committees and provide feedback to issues raised in the newsletter. HAC members along with Cancer Support Network members were Invited to attend a Systemic Cancer Treatment Services Consultation workshop with Cancer Council SA via Video Conference.</p> <p>• Provide advice to the Minister about any matter referred to it by the Minister or CE</p> <p>Group letters sent to the Minister with regard to issues affecting the Flinders and Upper North Region such as the new Board appointments.</p> <p>• Participate in consultation or assessment process associated with the selection of senior staff</p> <p>A HAC representative is invited to sit and actively participate on a panel to determine the appointment of senior staff member positions.</p> |

- ***Provide advice about the management of resources for health services; and provide assistance with fundraising activities***

As we have several community groups we as a HAC do not conduct fundraising activities. We have been made aware of various pieces of equipment that would enable patients to have tests provided locally or provide an improved service to local patients. Groups such as the Whyalla Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, Heartbeat and Pink Spirits have been encouraged to support the purchase of this equipment. The value and usage of equipment purchased is determined with the assistance of senior management before any purchase is made.

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not Applicable.

Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

A whole of SA Health response will be provided in the 2017-18 Department for Health and Wellbeing Annual Report, which can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+u%20s/publications+and+resources>

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