

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Board

Thursday, 2 May 2024

Queensland Children's Hospital

Dear colleagues and community members

The Children's Health Queensland (CHQ) Board held its May meeting at the Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH). The meeting was chaired by Heather Watson. Heather paid respect to the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we walk, talk, work and live.

The Board welcomed plans for the 2024 CHQ Excellence Awards and Medal of Distinction, which recognise and celebrate individuals and team who have lived the CHQ values.

The Board welcomed a presentation from Professor Jim Angus, Chair of the Queensland Children's Research Collaborative Council, and the CHQ research team. Professor Angus and the Board discussed the CHQ ACTION (Advanced therapies and Clinical Trial InnovatiON) Centre and acknowledged the support of the Children's Hospital Foundation and philanthropy in funding the Centre. The Board agreed that the CHQ Research Committee Chair (Simon Denny) should join the CHQ Chief Executive (Frank Tracey) and CHQ Board Chair (Heather Watson) as the CHQ representatives on the Research Collaborative Council.

The Board also welcomed a presentation on the Child Development Program and acknowledged the current challenges, opportunities, and initiatives within the Child Development Program to improve access and optimise service delivery and partnerships.

The Board also discussed:

- The draft Consumer and Community Engagement Strategy 2024 – 2027.
- The final draft CHQ Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028.
- The replacement program for information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure at the QCH.



- Regular reports from the Executive Leadership Team covering operations and finance, strategic workforce, workplace health and safety, and clinical governance.

During April, members of the Board joined members of the Executive Leadership Team and Divisional Leadership Team and visited the 5c Oncology Day Unit as part of the Connect Four Pilot Program. The Connect Four Program provides an opportunity to celebrate successes of local teams and allow opportunities for feedback in a semi-structured format, fostering a safe and well work environment. A tour of the unit led by the Acting Nurse Unit Manager highlighted the different services provided by the Oncology Day Unit.

The Board emphasised its commitment to ensuring that the CHQ workforce is appropriately supported at work.

The Board and Executive Leadership Team will undertake a range of actions following the meeting to progress our commitment to safe and high-quality healthcare.

Thank you to the Board members, Executive Leadership Team, CHQ staff and guests for attending and actively participating in the meeting. **Thank you for your ongoing commitment to keeping our community safe.**

Heather Watson
Chair
Children's Health Queensland Board

