
Summary of the key issues discussed and decisions made by the Board

**Townsville Hospital and Health Board Meeting
29 January 2013**

A meeting of the Townsville Hospital and Health Board was held on 29 January 2013 at the Townsville Hospital and Health Service Offices, Level One, North Block, The Townsville Hospital.

The meeting was chaired by Mr John Bearne. There were two apologies received from Dr Kevin Arlett and Professor Ian Wronski. Board members in attendance were:

Mr John Bearne (Chair)
Dr Eric Guazzo
Ms Lyn McLaughlin
Mr Donald Whaleboat

Mrs Michelle Morton (Deputy Chair)
Mr Glen Cerutti
Ms Susan Phillips

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

- A contract between the Board and Townsville Hospital Foundation will be developed.
- The Board strategic concept for TTH to be an important academic, research and training facility and activities in North Queensland support research being undertaken research is being well received.
- A report was provided by the Board Chair. The Board will now become more strategic, looking ahead to address future challenges such as understanding the strategic direction of North Queensland HHBs.
- A report was provided by the Chief Executive. The Board noted two draft documents – *Interim Clinician Engagement Strategy 2013-2016* and *Protocol between Townsville Hospital and Health Service and Townsville and Mackay Medicare Local (January 2013)* – including a cover sheet connecting them to the Community Engagement Strategy for publishing on the web site by January 2013.
- There was a report provided by the THHB Finance Sub-Committee on its meeting held on 21 January. The December 2012 Information pack and Chief Financial Officer's report were noted. The Board approved the write-off of ineligible patient schedules.
- There was a report provided by the THHB Audit Sub-Committee on its meeting held on 18 February. The Board approved the appointment of PwC as the provider of the internal audit services for THHS.
- The Board approved the Health Service Chief Executive's proposal for new THHS structure changes.
- The Board noted the process being undertaken to achieve the reduction in full time equivalent (FTE) of up to 220 occupied funded positions, and the industrial issues.
- The establishment of MOUs for Townsville, Mount Isa and Cairns for tropical medicine in the northern tropical area as TTH is the referral hospital and how to deal with cross-border issues or common interests will be developed.
- There was no report provided by the THHB Executive Sub-Committee at its meeting is scheduled for 20 February.
- There was no report provided by the THHB Safety and Quality Sub-Committee as its next bi-monthly meeting is scheduled for 18 February 2013.

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