



North Metropolitan Health Service Board

Modernising how we govern and manage WA Health for better care and better value

Why has a Health Service Board been appointed?

- The *Health Services Act 2016* commenced 1 July 2016 to modernise the WA public health system, setting out how we govern, structure and manage WA Health to bring decision-making closer to service delivery and patient care.
- The North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) has been established as a separate statutory authority, governed by a Board that is legally responsible and accountable for the delivery of safe, high-quality and efficient health services.

Who is on the NMHS Board?

- The NMHS Board is comprised of 10 highly capable and committed professionals with a diverse range of experience across the fields of medicine and health care, finance, law, and community and consumer engagement.
- Members were selected following a rigorous selection process and bring a wealth of skills and experience to the board.

Board Chair

- **Hon. Jim McGinty AM** was the Member for Fremantle in the State Parliament from 1990 to 2009. During that time he held the positions of Minister for Health, Attorney General and Leader of the Opposition. Post political life, he has served on the boards of several not for profit organisations including Telethon Kids Institute, Brightwater Care Group, Communicare, Access Housing Australia and Health Workforce Australia. Mr McGinty is a volunteer with Fremantle Sea Rescue.

Board Members

- **Professor David Forbes (Deputy Chair)** has had a career in academic paediatrics, working primarily as a paediatric gastroenterologist, but has also worked in paediatric emergency medicine, general and rural paediatrics and child and adolescent mental health. He led both undergraduate teaching in paediatrics vocational training at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children at different points in his career. David was a member and then Chair of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Paediatric Physician Training Committee, and the Division of Paediatrics and Child Health Policy and Advocacy Committee. He has also held roles in health service management as the Chair of Paediatric medicine at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, and as a Clinical Advisor and Acting Chief Medical Officer in the Department of Health.
- **Professor Selma Allix** is currently the Pro-Chancellor, Head of Fremantle Campus University of Notre Dame. Prior to undertaking this role Selma was the Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University, responsible for nursing programs in Fremantle and Broom. Selma has been on the Board of several nursing and non-nursing organisations including research committees. Selma is the immediate past Chair of the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Selma has worked at the University for 16 years in roles ranging from lecturing, research supervision to administration. She currently oversees the University Department of Rural Health based in the Kimberly.
- **Angela Edwards** has an extensive background in human resources, industrial relations, change management, organisational development and stakeholder management. She is currently Human Resources Director Asia Pacific, CHC Helicopter Australia. She formerly held the position of General Manager – Human Resources, Crown Perth. She is also a board member of not for profit cancer support group, Blue Dot Army.

- **Assoc. Professor Christopher Etherton-Beer** is a Clinical Academic in Geriatric Medicine at UWA and Medical Co-director at Royal Perth Hospital. He is Chair of the WA Therapeutics Advisory Group and is a member of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.
- **Dr Hilary Fine** has been a GP in urban and rural General Practice for over 30 years. She is currently Principal GP and Medical Director at East Fremantle Medical Centre and Adjunct Associate Professor at Notre Dame University. She has held Director and Chairperson positions on the Boards of Local, State and National not for profit Primary Care Organisations together with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and External Advisory Board, Notre Dame.
- **Ms Carol Innes** is the Manager, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage & Arts at the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority. She is currently the Aboriginal Co-Chair of Reconciliation WA and is a former director of the Leadership Unit at the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council. She worked in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts sector for 11 years with experience in the government sector at both State and Federal levels.
- **Mr Grant Robinson** is a former partner of KPMG in the Audit, Assurance and Risk Consulting division, an FCA and has many years' experience as a Board/Committee member of varying not-for-profit organisations. His professional experience extends across a variety of sectors including financial services, mining, mining services, healthcare, property and construction, education and Government. He is currently a Board member of the following organisations:- Bethesda Health Care, Juniper, Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, Netball WA and Perth Festival. Grant's skills in financial analysis, compliance, governance and risk management along with his sector experience are of great value to NMHS.
- **Ms Rebecca Strom** is a principal at LSV Borrello Lawyers and has extensive experience as a commercial property lawyer across Australia. She was previously a Partner at Corrs Chambers Westgarth and is currently a non-executive director of Access Housing Australia and is the Chair of the Governance Committee. Rebecca is also a member of the Executive Finance and Property Committee of the WA Planning Commission..
- **Mr Steve Toutountz** is a certified practising accountant and has an extensive background in finance, procurement, public sector service delivery and policy at an executive and strategic level. In his former role of Director, Performance and Evaluation – Group 1, Department of Treasury, his responsibilities included analysis and strategic advice to the Western Australian government on budgetary and financial management issues impacting a range of portfolios including Health. He is currently a member of the Board of Commissioners, Legal Aid Western Australia.

What are the benefits to patients, our workforce and the community?

- Health Service Boards will bring a diverse range of skills and experience to ensure the delivery of safe, high-quality and sustainable health care to our communities.
- Greater local authority and accountability for the delivery of health services to the community.
- More responsive and innovative health services to meet local needs, including greater focus on local networks and partnerships to deliver care closer to home.
- Improvements to the performance of our Health Services over time, for example, in clinical safety and quality outcomes, financial performance and the patient experience.

More information

- Fact sheets and more detailed information on Health Service Boards and Chairs and Members are available on the WA Health website ww2.health.wa.gov.au/boards
- Email: health.reform@health.wa.gov.au

Related Fact Sheets

- *The Role of Health Services and Boards*
- *Changes to the governance of WA Health*
- *The Health Services Act 2016: A Snapshot*
- *The Role of the Department of Health*
- *The Role of Health Support Services*
- *WA Health Reform Program 2015-2020*