



## MINUTES

### WHEATBELT EASTERN DISTRICT HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**20 October 2021**  
**09:30 – 11:00**

**Merredin Health Service Meeting Room – VC 643300**

**Attendees** Sandra Waters (Deputy Chair, Kununoppin & Districts Representative)  
Lynne White (Kellerberrin Representative)  
Wendy Hooper (A/Eastern Wheatbelt Ops Manager)  
Diane Dixon (A/HSM Merredin Health Service)  
Phillip Negri (Bruce Rock Representative)  
Romolo Patroni (Merredin Representative)  
Zoe Ashby-Deering (Primary Health Manager Merredin)  
Cheryl Dalgleish (Secretariat)

**Apologies**

Onida Trurun (Chair, Southern Cross Representative)  
Janine Gliddon (Regional Aboriginal Health Consultant)  
Dianne Kelly (Cunderdin Representative)  
Jannah Stafford (Wyalkatchem Representative)  
(Narembeen Representative) (Quairading Representative)

Cultural Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the past and present traditional owners of this land on which we are meeting, the Noongar people. It is a privilege to be standing on Noongar country. We also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the health and wellbeing of all people in this country we all live in and share together – Australia.

<b>1.0</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b>
1.1	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were noted
<b>2.0</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting held 18 August, 2021 endorsed as a true and correct record. Endorsed: Romolo Patroni. Seconded: Sandra Waters
<b>3.0</b>	<b>ACTIONS ARISING</b>
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R Patroni to request invitation from Shire for Sheldon Paice to attend Shire meeting re: Housing Review</li> <li>ZAD to contact Shire Media representative – (Cody) for assistance with publicity for the Mass Covid clinics within the community</li> <li>ZAD/CD - Email posters and information to community – Merredin Pfizer Clinic 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Merredin Library.</li> <li>WH - Letter of Thanks to Onida Trurun for service. (Resigned 20/10/2021)</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
4.1	<p><b>Housing Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tabled and discussed</li> <li>Power Point Presentation by Sheldon Paice for 10year plan being looked at by WACHS Board &amp; Executives</li> <li>Romolo Patroni to arrange invitation from Shire for Sheldon Paice to attend Shire meeting – re:Housing Review</li> </ul>
4.2	<p><b>Nursing &amp; Midwifery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tabled and discussed</li> </ul>
4.3	<p><b>Resignation by DHAC Chair, Onida Trurun as at 20 October 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members discussed – Sandra Waters (Deputy Chair) will chair meetings in the interim</li> </ul>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b>



5.1	<p><b>Operations and Regional Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Horsley away from role and currently in the Pilbara (Aged Care Project) until early 2022. Wendy Hooper currently the acting Eastern Wheatbelt Operation's Manager in Karen's absence.</li> <li>• Imaging update: Currently we have visiting locum Radiology Technologist with recruitment underway for full time position. Visiting Sonographer currently with a view to recruit full time in the future.</li> <li>• Theatre update: Close to completion. Doctors List: Dr Olga Ward - Procedural Surgical GP Dr Tony Caccetta – Specialist Dermatologist Mr Michael Wren – Orthopaedic Surgeon</li> </ul>
5.2	<p><b>Medical and Nursing Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diane Dixon HSM from Southern Cross covering Chris Cox in his absence at Merredin.</li> <li>• Merredin vacancies 3.5 – 5 interviews done this week with 3 possibilities</li> <li>• Members commented on the large number of Agency staff being used across WA</li> <li>• Merredin doctors roster has vacancies this week but with possibility of Dr Lawal picking up some extra shifts. TBA.</li> </ul>
5.3	<p><b>Primary Health Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacinta Herbert resigned her position of Primary Health Manager. Zoe Ashby-Deering new Primary Health Manager for Merredin.</li> <li>• Social Worker and Allied Health Officer resigned.</li> <li>• Recruitment in progress with Rain Rodenberg permanent Dietitian, Troy Scadden permanent Social Worker and Ashley Cornish permanent OT.</li> <li>• Recruitment for Aboriginal Health – traineeship for possible Grad student.</li> <li>• Mass Pfizer vaccination to Merredin next week 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> – Ages 12+</li> <li>• Posters to arrive and will be sent out to region once received. Times: Monday 13:30 – 16:30; Tuesday 10:00 – 19:00; Wednesday 09:00 – 17:00 Venue: Merredin Regional Library – 22 Coronation Street, Merredin.</li> <li>• Zoe Ashby-Deering to contact Cody – Shire Media for assistance with publicity for the Pfizer clinics such as: Shire Bushfire Whisperer &amp; Facebook. CRC and Health WA Facebook are other avenues to look at to get the message out there into the community.</li> </ul>
5.4	<p><b>Bruce Rock Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LHAG meeting last week – struggling for new members with no interest in the younger community members</li> <li>• Dr Caleb Chow left Bruce Rock after 20 years with a seamless transitioning of new doctor for the area: Dr Olu Jegede. Dr Jegede will also be filling some of Dr Chow's Merredin hospital shifts in the future.</li> <li>• New TV and lounge for Acacia House – hospital auxiliary</li> <li>• Post Falls Huddle trial with Kresan Govender – first huddle, falls increased but with the end result seeing falls showing a significant drop in numbers.</li> <li>• Memorial House renos – on hold currently. Went out to Tenders – too cost prohibitive.</li> <li>• Great uptake for Covid vaccinations for staff and residents.</li> </ul>
5.5	<p><b>Cunderdin Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major review for Cunderdin/Pingelly with community consultation - report expected in next few weeks</li> </ul>
5.6	<p><b>Kellerberrin Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff fully vaccinated</li> <li>• Recruitment for nurses ongoing</li> <li>• Currently 15 HACC clients</li> <li>• Centenary celebration well received within community</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Ladies Day Includes: Painting; Macramé and Flower Arranging some of the attractions. One of two invited Speakers – Alannah MacTiernan MLC Minister for WA</li> <li>• Men's Night 16<sup>th</sup> March with two speakers one of whom will be a racing car driver</li> </ul>



5.7	<b>Kununoppin &amp; Districts Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fete was well received by all</li> <li>Covid clinics – at doctor’s surgery on Mondays</li> </ul>
5.8	<b>Merredin Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merredin Shire meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October and Romolo Patroni has another two years as member</li> <li>SJA – two Paramedics 4 days on/4 days off – going well</li> <li>Volunteer numbers are low with difficulty in recruitment especially younger members of the community.</li> </ul>
5.9	<b>Narembeen Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
5.10	<b>Quairading Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
5.11	<b>Southern Cross Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LHAG strong membership</li> <li>694 swabs this month</li> <li>Swabber 12hr/day shifts Wed to Fri</li> <li>Surge Planning for Merredin &amp; Southern Cross today</li> <li>Pop up Clinic set up capability within 6 hrs – final draft by 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. - final meeting today to identify highest risks</li> <li>Renal Nurse and possible dialysis chair for Merredin (SX resident in need would benefit from this possibility).</li> </ul>
5.12	<b>Wyalkatchem Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>STANDING ITEMS FOR NOTING</b>
6.1	<b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter of Resignation from DHAC Chair – Onida Trurun</li> </ul>
6.2	<b>Site Compliments &amp; Complaints</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliment from Quairading – Thank You re: Covid Clinic professionalism and care.</li> </ul>
6.3	<b>Wheatbelt Mental Health Consumer Advisory Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still to be discussed</li> </ul>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS</b>
7.1	<b>DHAC Member Attendance at Eastern Management Team Meetings (EMT)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27 October 2021</li> <li>24 November 2021</li> <li>No EMT in December 2021</li> </ul>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>
	<b>2021 - 15 December Merredin Health Service Meeting Room</b>

Meeting closed at:

Minutes endorsed

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Chairperson

Date: 20 October 2021