

Name	Position/Title	Attendance	Item
Michele Smith	Chair	P	All
Leanne Dunchue	Member	P	All
Dr David Mills	Member	P	All
Jamie Siviour	Member	P	All
Chris Sweet	Member	P	All
Christine Thyer	Member	P	All
Trevor Smith	Member	P	All
Attendees			
Verity Paterson	Chief Executive Officer EFNLHN	P	All
Hudson Vieira	Chief Finance Officer EFNLHN	P	All
Jane Robinson	Director Governance and Strategy EFNLHN	P	All
Guests			
Tom Farrant	Associate Director ZED Consulting	P	Item 3.1
Julie Marron	Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery EFNLHN	P	All
Dr Susan Merrett	Executive Director Medical Services EFNLHN	P	All
Andre De La Salle	Strategic Asset Manager EFNLHN	P	Item 5.2

P = Present, A = Apology, X = Not Present

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon today.
 We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country.
 We also pay respect to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia present here.

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network GOVERNING BOARD Meeting Minutes 24/02/2022		
	Agenda Item	Discussion Points
1.	OPENING	Meeting opened at 3.00pm with quorum
	1.1 In Camera Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil.
	1.2 Welcome and Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and acknowledgement of Country.
	1.3 Interests and Conflicts Disclosure Log	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil declared.
	1.4 Confirmation of previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes seconded by C. Sweet, confirmed and approved for Chair to sign.
	1.5 Actions from previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and approved.
	1.6 Notification of Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Smith and D. Mills to be apologies for 31 March 2022 Board meeting in Port Lincoln.
	1.7 Patient Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board discussed a story about the care of two schizophrenic patients, one supported by family and services who was doing well and another who had lost continuity with family and local services and was not doing well, highlighting the importance of support and continuity.
2.	STRATEGIC DISCUSSION	
	2.1 COVID-19 Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board noted the main lessons learned by EFNLHN during the Ceduna COVID-19 outbreak, which were now being translated to other sites, including Port Lincoln and Coober Pedy, including the importance of knowledge of, and relationships with, local communities, and the role EFNLHN had played in connecting people together with knowledge of what services were available and who provided them.
	2.1.1 EFNLHN COVID-19 Response and Learnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board also noted that a growing number of people in the Eyre and Far North were recovering at home rather than being sent to Adelaide, and the number of transfusions was increasing; Port Lincoln and Ceduna had been administering two or three transfusions a week. • Board requested that the LHN write up lessons learned from the COVID management journey so the lessons won't have to be relearnt in future.
	2.1.1.1 Regional Emergency Department or Small Hospital Closure Minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute noted.
	2.1.2 COVID Recovery Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board noted an overview of COVID-19 recovery planning, with emphasis being placed on arrangements that allow the LHN to flex according to need.

	2.2 Draft Revised Risk Appetite Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board noted work to revise the LHN's Risk Appetite Statement (RAS), align it with the EFNLHN's strategic priorities and provide better alignment with the Risk Console tool's risk ratings criteria. Board agreed to amend the risk appetite relating to procurement from zero to low, in recognition of the fact that country LHNs did not always provide panels for some staff and service procurement activities in remote areas, while staying within procurement rules.
3. PRESENTATION		
	3.1 Resource Prioritisation Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board noted an overview of consultation with staff and Executive to develop a prioritisation tool to apply to resourcing decisions. Discussion also about a proposal to set up a remuneration-type committee with Board member involvement, to ensure objectivity in assessing the suitability of new roles against agreed criteria, acknowledging that the Board did not play a role in the employment of staff to those roles. Board acknowledged that the LHN had inherited an organisational structure at the time of devolution and that it was timely to revisit and assess what a fit for purpose structure might look like.
4. MATTERS FOR DECISION		
	4.1 EFNLHN Financial Delegations Six Monthly Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board noted an overview of proposed changes to the Schedule and approved the proposed revisions.
	4.2 Wudinna GP Practice Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board noted the status of discussions with Wudinna Council re the provision of general practice services. Board reiterated that EFNLHN's core business was the provision of hospital services; the Commonwealth was responsible for GP services. Board encouraged Wudinna Council to look for a community-based solution, including discussing local community needs with a range of providers to find a local solution; if they could not find a resolution, the Board could then revisit whether there was potential for interim assistance.
5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION		
	5.1 Medical Services Update 5.1.1 GP Contract Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFNLHN had started negotiations with local GPs about the new Fee for Service (FFS) contract and how it could be applied to them. GPs had a right of appeal if they disagreed with what they are being

	<p>5.1.2 Port Lincoln Medical Model Update</p> <p>5.1.3 NEPHA Update</p>	<p>offered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board noted the importance of country LHNs having a consistent interpretation of the new contract. • Board also sought further information about the status of specialist contracts at Port Lincoln Hospital. • Board noted that recruitment to salaried medical positions had started. • Board noted that the Commonwealth had received NEPHA's submission with enthusiasm, however, delivery of the proposed reforms involved collaboration with the State Government, which was currently in caretaker mode. Further negotiations could occur after the State election.
	<p>5.2 Multi Purpose Service (MPS) Grants Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EFNLHN had been recommended to receive Commonwealth funding for infrastructure improvements to seven Multi Purpose Service (MPS) sites, and to two Mid-West Health and Aged Care sites. ○ Work had begun to identify sources of a 20 per cent co-contribution for each grant, which was a condition of the grants being awarded.
	<p>5.3 Statewide Aged Care Reforms Timetable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board noted that the Steering Committee would meet for the first time shortly.
	<p>5.4 Chief Executive Officer Report</p> <p>5.4.1 CEO Report Feb 2022</p> <p>5.4.2 EFNLN Performance Report Feb (Dec 2021 Reporting)</p> <p>5.4.3 EFNLHN Executive Committee Summary Feb 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO Report noted, including the status of negotiations to secure new surgical services arrangements for Port Lincoln Hospital. • EFNLHN Performance Report noted, including that EFNLHN was still rated as one of the most efficient Local Health Networks in the State. • Noted.
	<p>5.5 Finance Report</p> <p>5.5.1 EFNLHN Finance Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report noted, including that the LHN was unlikely to receive a penalty for a 2021-22 budget overrun, which had been recognised as a combination of COVID costs and a budget model that was not fit for purpose in the Eyre and Far North but would not be able to be rectified quickly.
	<p>5.6 Board Committees, including Membership Review</p> <p>5.6.1 Finance and Performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board noted the Minutes and a verbal report by Committee Chair, L.

	<p>Committee</p> <p>5.6.2 Clinical Governance Committee</p> <p>5.6.3 Audit and Risk Committee</p> <p>5.6.3.1 A&RC Chair Arrangements</p> <p>5.6.4 Consumer, Community and Clinical Engagement Committee</p>	<p>Dunchue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board noted the Minutes and a verbal report by Committee Chair, Dr D. Mills. • Board noted a verbal update by Committee Member, C. Sweet, including identification of potential candidates to fill the upcoming vacancy for an Independent Audit and Risk Committee Chair. • Board noted a verbal update by Co Chairs J. Siviour and C. Thyer, including planning for an EFNLHN HAC Combined Conference on 1 April 2022 in Port Lincoln. • Board also discussed raising the profile of clinician engagement within the committee, which had been a key finding of the annual committee effectiveness self-assessment. • J. Marron left the meeting at 5.45pm.
	<p>5.7 Chairperson Update</p> <p>5.7.1 Update</p> <p>5.7.2 Cultural Awareness Training with Executive Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update noted, including that that State Government had halted new Board appointments. • Board sought to revisit arrangements due to the unavailability of one Board member of one of the training days.
6	MATTERS FOR NOTING	
	<p>6.1 Major Correspondence</p> <p>6.1.1 EFNLHN Service Agreement Response to Board letter</p> <p>6.1.2 Letter to Chair from S. Telfer</p> <p>6.1.3 Appointment of Board members Minute</p> <p>6.1.4 Caretaker Conventions Do's and Don'ts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • Noted. • Noted • Noted
7	OTHER BUSINESS	

	7.1 Other Business from Item 1.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil.
8	MEETING FINALISATION	
	8.1 Review actions to be taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted.
	8.2 Meeting Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted
	8.3 Agenda items for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MPS grants offer - GP contract negotiations - COVID-19 recovery planning
	8.4 Meeting Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.55pm
Next Meeting: 31 March 2022 3.00pm – 6.00pm Port Lincoln Hospital		

Minutes approved



Michele Smith
Chair, Eyre and Far North Local Health Network
31 March 2022