



South 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 South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS) 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 SMHS Board?

- The SMHS 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

- **Mr Robert McDonald** has held leadership roles with WA Police, the Department of Treasury and the State Supply Commission and is former Chair of the North Metropolitan Health Service Governing Council. Mr McDonald has broad commercial experience in finance, human resources, policy development and information technology. Mr McDonald is Board Chair of the Ability Centre Board and is the Principal of Tiderock Consulting, specialising in management, organisational and financial reviews of government organisations.

Board Members

- **Adjunct Associate Professor Robyn Collins (Deputy Chair)** is a committed and highly successful health service executive and board member with an extensive career in a broad range of governance, strategic, operational and financial management environments. Adj. Assoc. Professor Collins is currently the state manager of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (WA) and was the Acting Chair of the SMHS Governing Council for two years.
- **Adjunct Associate Professor Kim Gibson's** career in health spans 30 years across clinical practice, clinical education, health professional regulation, health reform, health service management and governance both in Australia and overseas. Adj. Assoc. Professor Gibson is passionate about healthcare and service improvement and an experienced board member. She is former Chair of the Clinical Senate of WA, as well as the past Deputy Chair of the North Metropolitan Health Service Governing Council.
- **Professor Julie Quinlivan** is a senior clinician and specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology. Professor Quinlivan has held senior roles in academic, clinical and administrative aspects of medicine in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales. Professor Quinlivan has experience serving on tribunals, boards, governing councils and expert reference groups, and is currently the Chair of the Clinical Senate of WA.
- **Ms Fiona Stanton** is a legal practitioner with over 20 years' experience in both health law and employment law, and is a past member of the North Metropolitan Health Service Governing Council. Ms Stanton has a long-held interest in the provision of health services, particularly the challenge of providing safe, high quality health services to all patients, and has significant professional experience in areas such as medical negligence and disciplinary actions.

- **Mr David Rowe** is an experienced board member and executive with a keen interest in medical research. Previously the Chairman of the Fremantle Hospital Medical Research Foundation Inc., Mr Rowe is also a past member of the South Metropolitan Health Service Governing Council and has an interest in the challenge of delivering high quality health care at an affordable price and in the development and further education of senior executives.
- **Ms Michelle Manook** has over 20 years' experience in strategic corporate, government affairs and investor relations working across resources infrastructure, government and finance sectors. Ms Manook began her career in the health sector, working within clinical mental health, alcohol and drug prevention and the aged care sector. Ms Manook has performed in high-level government, stakeholder, investor relations, business strategy and management roles, and has extensive board experience.
- **Ms Yvonne Parnell** works as a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) within the community sector assisting people with disabilities and their families to overcome significant life challenges, and previously worked as a senior executive for many years in the corporate sector. Ms Parnell has a longstanding involvement in health. In 2003 she joined Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital's Community Advisory Council and is a past member of the North Metropolitan Health Service Governing Council.
- **Mr Julian Henderson** is a highly qualified senior executive with extensive experience within the public and private sectors. Mr Henderson has a breadth of experience in diverse areas including strategic planning, policy development, project development, project management, operations and general administration. Mr Henderson was a member of the North Metropolitan Health Service Governing Council and is currently the CEO of Sexual and Reproductive Health WA.
- **Professor Mark Khangure** is a highly qualified neuroradiologist. Professor Khangure is a previous Head of Department and Director of Imaging Services at Royal Perth Hospital and past President of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiology. This experience provided Professor Khangure with exposure to training and management of safety and quality. Professor Khangure has made a significant contribution to clinical teaching and medical research throughout his career.

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 Bill 2016: A Snapshot*
- *The Role of the Department of Health*
- *The Role of Health Support Services*
- *WA Health Reform Program 2015-2020*