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1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES:

Ms Hazel Bridgett, (Chair), Mr Malcolm Marshall, Dr Joe Oog, Ms Deb Monaghan, Ms Rosie Kew, Dr Brian Pezzutti, Dr Austin Curtin and Ms Leone Crayden

Via Videoconference (Tweed) : Mr David Frazer

Via Teleconference: Professor Lesley Barclay, Dr Sue Page

In Attendance: Mr Murray Spriggs, Mr Wayne Jones (Acting Chief Executive), Ms

Jennifer Cleaver (Secretariat)

Via Videoconference (Broken Hill): Mr Chris Crawford

Apologies: Nil

2 Declaration of Interest

Nil

3. Previous Minutes:

a) The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 29 August were **ENDORSED** with the the following amendments:

Page 6 Item 4.11 third paragraph should read "Dr Ogg indicated that Clinicians are able to access de-identified Radiology images on the PACS/RIS System, and many Staff are not aware of this facility being available in that program."

Page 11 fourth paragraph should read "Dr Ogg suggested that it is a better investment to have Senior Medical Staff trained in proper documentation practices, as some Senior Medical Staff remain employed in the same Hospital(s) for long periods of time."

Page 19 last paragraph should read "Mr Crawford also indicated that he and the Chair discussed with the Minister for Health and Medical Research the timing of the LBH Stage Three Phase Two redevelopment and the Coroner's Recommendation of an interim upgrade of the LBH ED."

Moved: Mr Malcolm Marshall

Seconded: Dr Joe Ogg

CARRIED

c) Abridged Board Minutes of 1 August 2012 for placing on NNSW LHD Internet Site were noted.

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Mr Murray Spriggs is to contact Mr Michael Moriarty, IT&T Services, to enquire if it is possible to ascertain how many "hits" have been made on the NNSW LHD Internet Site.

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4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Minutes of 29 August 2012

4.1 The Board is to note a response from the MOH to the matters discussed by the Board that require clarification or possible amendment to the 2012/13 Service Agreement, prior to its being executed.

Refer Item 9.3

The Board noted the letter from Mr Ken Whelan, MOH in response to the letter from the Board Chair concerning proposed amendments to the draft 2012/13 Service Agreement.

The Chair also noted that following amendments being made to Item 1.2.3 in the 2013/13 Service Agreement she and the Chief Executive signed the Service Agreement and submitted it to the MOH. The Chair reported that Dr Mary Foley, Director-General has now also signed the 2012/13 Service Agreement and returned a signed copy to the NNSW LHD for placing on the NNSW LHD internet site.

Action:

A copy of the 2012/13 Service Agreement is to be placed on the NNSW LHD Internet Site.

4.2 Ms Yvette Bowen, Workplace Health and Safety Manager is to provide definitive advice to the 3 October 2012 Board Meeting on the Board's responsibilities as set out in the Work Health and Safety Act on the potential for penalties to be applied to Board Members where non-compliance with the Act is proven and whether Board Members who are paid a sitting fee will be open to individual penalties being applied them. The advice is to also include whether Visiting Medical Officers are covered under the Work Health and Safety Act.
More information is to be provided to the next Board Meeting.
The Board noted the information contained in the Brief developed by Ms Yvette Bowen, Manager Work Health and Safety and Injury Management concerning the Board's responsibilities and liabilities under the Work Health and Safety Act 2012.

Ms Crayden is to email Ms Yvette Bowen, concerning the issue of Deeds of Indemnity being issued for the Board Members against any liability to prosecution in relation to the Work Health and Safety Legislation and Ms Bowen will provide advice to the 3 October 2012 Board Meeting on this matter. The Board noted information on Model Work Health and Safety Laws that was submitted by Ms Leone Crayden for information.

4.3 Mr Crawford is to submit a report to a future Board Meeting that provides information on the NNSW LHD recruitment system about the average length of time each clinical discipline takes to recruit staff from when the advertisement is approved to when the interview is held and the successful applicant is notified of his/her appointment, both retrospectively and prospectively

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Mr Crawford indicated that a report will to be developed as soon as all of the Staff in the NNSWLHD Workforce Change and Sustainability Service are in place, which is expected to occur shortly.

Action:

Mr Crawford is to submit a report to a future Board Meeting that provides information on the NNSW LHD recruitment system about the average length of time each clinical discipline takes to recruit staff from when the advertisement is approved to when the interview is held and the successful applicant is notified of his/her appointment, both retrospectively and prospectively.

4.4 Mr Crawford is to provide feedback to the 3 October 2012 Board Meeting from the September 2012 Clinical Council meeting following discussion of the issue of identification of impending workforce shortages, that may be able to be addressed in a more timely fashion, such as recruiting to positions earlier. Mr Murray Spriggs advised that discussion on the identification of impending workforce shortages, that may be able to be addressed in a more timely fashion, such as recruiting to positions earlier, has not yet occurred at the NNSW LHD Clinical Council.

Action:

Mr Crawford is to provide feedback to the 1 November 2012 Board Meeting from the October 2012 Clinical Council meeting following discussion of the issue of identification of impending workforce shortages, that may be able to be addressed in a more timely fashion, such as recruiting to positions earlier.

4.5 All Board Members who had attended the Board Members Conference are to provide a brief written overview of the Breakout Groups that they had attended, as well as their overall observations on the Conference, for inclusion in the 3 October 2012 Board Meeting Agenda Papers for noting.

The Chair provided a verbal report on the Planning breakout group that she had attended at the Board Members Conference.

Ms Leone Crayden reported that she had attended the Mental Health breakout group and that a presentation was given by Dr David McGrath, Director, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office, a copy of which she is endeavouring to obtain for Board Members.

Action:

Ms Leone Crayden is to obtain a copy of the Mental Health powerpoint presentation from the Board Members Conference and forward it to the Board Secretariat for circulation to Board Members for information.

4.6 Mr Crawford is to request the NNSW LHD Planning and Performance Unit to provide a Brief on penetrance rates for cancer services for the NNSW LHD to the 3 October 2012 Board Meeting for consideration.

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The Board noted the preliminary Brief on penetrance rates for cancer services and that further work is to be undertaken following contact with the NSW Cancer Institute and John Flynn Hospital to obtain activity data on NNSW LHD population accessing cancer services and an updated Brief will be provided to the Board with additional information in due course.

4.7 A special Board Strategic Budget Meeting is to be scheduled in either February or March 2013 to discuss the 2013/14 Budget Build-up process and Mr James McGuigan, Executive Director of Finance and key Finance Staff be invited to attend this special Board Meeting.

The Chair noted that Item 7.7 set out the proposed 2013 Board Meeting Dates including a proposal for a Board Strategic Budget Meeting to be held on 20 March 2013.

This item can be removed from the Agenda.

4.8 Mr Crawford is to follow-up on whether there is an opportunity for the cascading of telehealth IP Lines, if a Facility is not available, for a Telehealth System to cascade to another telehealth system at a different Facility and then if possible on to a third Facility and provide information to the 3 October 2012 Board Meeting.

Mr Wayne Jones advised that the NNSW LHD Connecting Critical Care (CCC) Emergency Department equipment is technically capable of providing a cascade to another health facility for CCC ED clinical advice and this concept could be considered when the CCC ED service has matured and is embedded into service delivery as a mainstream practice.

This item can be removed from the Agenda.

4.9 Mr Crawford is to submit a Brief to a future Board Meeting on potential research funding opportunities available to the NNSW LHD.

The Chair indicated that Mr Crawford will submit a Brief to a future Board Meeting on potential research funding opportunities available to the NNSW LHD, after an investigation of this matter has been undertaken.

Action:

Mr Crawford is to submit a Brief to a future Board Meeting on potential research funding opportunities available to the NNSW LHD.

4.10 Mr Crawford is to consider the possibility of Activity Based Funding impacting on the cost of treating private patients, so enabling more patients to be treated at ABF Facilities within the ABF cap, if the proportion of Private Patients treated at a Facility increases.

The Chair advised that as this issue is being addressed at the Finance and Performance Committee Meeting this item can be removed from the Board Agenda.

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4.11 Mr Crawford is to provide a brief to the Board on what the current NNSW LHD practice is for cross border retrieval for young people who require stroke care. The Chair requested that the issue of stroke management be referred to the NNSW LHD Clinical Council requesting that they should work with the Richmond / Clarence HSG Stroke Co-ordinator to ensure there is a comprehensive Stroke Management Plan in place across the LHD.

The Chair also requested that enquiries be made with other LHDs on whether they have Stroke Management Plans in place.

This item is to remain on the Board Agenda for further updates to be provided following the work being undertaken by the Executive.

Action:

The issue of stroke management is to be referred to the NNSW LHD Clinical Council requesting that it work with the Richmond/Clarence Health Service Group Stroke Co-ordinator to ensure there is a comprehensive Stroke Management Plan in place across the LHD.

The issue of aeromedical and road transfer of stroke thrombolysis patients is to be referred to the NNSW LHD Executive to ensure there is a proper plan in place across the LHD for the medical retrieval of stroke patient, particularly young stroke patients.

The issues of aeromedical and road transfer of stroke thrombolysis patients and overall management of stroke patients on a District basis, not just for the Richmond/Clarence Health Service Group is to be considered by the NNSW LHD Executive and enquiries are to be made with other LHDs on whether they have Stroke Management Plans in place.

This item is to remain on the Board Agenda for further updates to be provided following the work being undertaken by the Executive.

4.12 Dr David Hutton is to develop a paper for the Board outlining the follow-up actions identified from the Patient Based Care Challenge following the meeting with Karen Luxford from the CEC and the discussion held at the CEAC. The Chair advised this item is to remain on the Board Agenda and that Dr Hutton, Executive Director Clinical Governance is to submit a paper outlining the follow-up actions identified from the Patient Based Care Challenge following the meeting with Karen Luxford from the CEC and the discussion held at the CEAC

Action:

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4.13 Mr Crawford is to submit a brief to the NNSW LHD Board providing advice on who would fund the roadworks from the Byron Shire Central Hospital to the Highway as part of the Byron Shire Central Hospital development.

The Brief was noted.

This item can be removed from the agenda.

4.14 Mr Crawford is to request the NNSW LHD Planning and Performance Unit to investigate whether there is evidence that undertaking the BreastScreening of women over seventy increases their survival rates from Breast Cancer. The Chair requested that the Brief on this matter be referred to the Community Engagement Advisory Council for its information.

Mr Jones advised that this issue is also being looked at on a State-wide basis.

Action:

or December 2012 was noted.

The Brief prepared by the NNSW LHD Planning and Performance Unit on whether there is evidence that undertaking the BreastScreening of women over seventy increases their survival rates from Breast Cancer is to be referred to the Community Engagement Advisory Council for information.

Mr Crawford is to draft a letter for signature by the Board Chair to the State Minister for Health and Medical Research and Federal Minister for Health requesting that the practice of not sending reminder letters to women aged seventy or over is reviewed. This will only be sent if it is demonstrated that the screening of women aged seventy or over can increase their survival rates from Breast Cancer.

A letter to the Minister for Health and Medical Research and Federal Minister for Health requesting that the practice of not sending reminder letters to women aged seventy or over is not required at this stage, as there is no definitive evidence that screening of women aged seventy or over can increase their survival rates from Breast Cancer.

Mr Crawford is to also draft an interim letter for the Board Chair's signature, to Ms Mollie Strong advising of the actions being taken by NNSW LHD concerning the proposal to commence forwarding reminder letters to women aged seventy and over to encourage them to undergo regular breast screening. The letter to Ms Mollie Strong, dated 20 September 2012 was noted.

4.15 Mr Crawford is to draft a letter for the Board Chair's signature to the Minister for Health and Medical Research inviting her to attend the NNSW LHD annual Board Community Meeting in late November or early December 2012. The letter to the Hon Jillian Skinner, MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research inviting her to attend the NNSW LHD annual Board Community Meeting in November ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2012 IN THE GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOM, CRAWFORD HOUSE, HUNTER STREET, LISMORE, COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

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4.16 Mr Crawford is to provide the Board with additional information including a position description about the synergies between the two roles, Executive Allied Health Director and Manager Chronic and Primary Care to the 3 October 2012 Board Meeting for information.

The Chair noted that an Executive Allied Health Director position should provide support for the District Allied Health Staff.

Mr Crawford responded that he will consider all the comments, including the proposal put forward that he re-submit the matter to the LHD Executive for consideration about how the Executive Allied Health Director position is best structured. Mr Crawford is to provide information to the Board on the Executive's deliberations as part of his Chief Executive Report to the Board.

4.17 Mr Crawford advised that he will make enquiries as to the potential for Official Visitors to be introduced to the Public Hospital setting and he will draft a letter for the Chair to send to the Minister for Health and Medical Research to ascertain whether the Minister would support the introduction of this type of service.

The Chair advised that she will provide the Chief Executive with some notes on discussions between her and Dr Pezzutti concerning the potential for Official Visitors to be introduced to the Public Hospital system to assist in the drafting of correspondence to the Minister about this matter.

Action:

Mr Crawford advised that he will make enquiries as to the potential for Official Visitors to be introduced to the Public Hospital setting and he will draft a letter for the Chair to send to the Minister for Health and Medical Research to ascertain whether the Minister would support the introduction of this type of service.

The Chair will provide the Chief Executive with some notes on discussions between her and Dr Pezzutti concerning the potential for Official Visitors to be introduced to the Public Hospital system.

4.18 The Board Secretariat is to email Board Members with a potential alternate date for the 31 October 2012 Board Meeting.

The Board Secretariat advised that advice has been emailed to Board Members advising that the 31 October 2012 Board Meeting will now be held on 1 November 2012 at the University Centre for Rural Health. The Board Chair also noted that Professor David Currow will address the Board at the 1 November 2012 Board Meeting.

4.19 The Board Secretariat is to email Board Members seeking for their availability to attend a dinner on 3 October 2012 following the Board Meeting and advise of the venue for the dinner.

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The Board Secretariat advised that an email has been forwarded to all Board Members advising a dinner is being held on 3 October 2012 following the Board Meeting at The Gateway Restaurant.

5. NNSW LHD Board Resolution & Decision Register

The updated Resolution and Decision Register from the 29 August 2012 Board Meeting was noted with an amendment to be made to Item 85 to be amended to read "Report to be provided".

- 5.1 Additions to Register Item 147 covered in Item 4 Business Arising.
 Noted
- 5.2 New Register Items 166 to 177 covered in Item 4 Business Arising.
 Noted

6. Minutes – Governance Committee:

6.1 Finance & Performance Committee

Mr Frazer gave a verbal report arising from the Finance & Performance Committee (F&PC) meeting held on 26 September 2012.

The unconfirmed Finance and Performance Committee Minutes from 26 September 2012 were noted.

6.2 Health Care Quality Committee

Ms Kew provided a verbal report arising from the Health Care Quality Committee (HCQC) Meeting held on 11 September 2012.

The unconfirmed Health Care Quality Committee Minutes from 11 September 2012 were noted.

6.3 Medical and Dental Advisory Appointments Committee (MDAAC)

The Chair provided a verbal report arising from the MDAAC Meeting held on 13 September 2012.

The unconfirmed MDAAC Minutes from 13 September 2012 were noted.

6.4 Health Services Development Committee

The Chair provided a verbal report arising from the Health Services Development Committee held on 28 August 2012.

The unconfirmed Health Service Development Committee Minutes of the 28 August 2012 were noted.

6.5 Audit and Risk Committee

Mr Malcolm Marshall provided a verbal report arising from the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 24 July 2012.

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Action:

Mr Crawford is to submit a copy of the NNSW LHD Fraud Prevention Plan/Strategy to 1 November 2012 Board Meeting for information.

Mr Crawford is to also provide the NNSW LHD Extreme and High Risk Register to the 1 November 2012 Board Meeting for its information.

The unconfirmed Audit and Risk Committee Minutes of the 7 June and 24 July 2012 were noted.

6.6 NNSW LHD Clinical Council

Mr Murray Spriggs provided a verbal report arising from the Clinical Council meeting held on 31 July 2012.

The unconfirmed Clinical Council Minutes of the 31 July 2012 were noted.

6.7 Community Engagement Advisory Council (CEAC)

Mr Spriggs provided a verbal report arising from the CEAC Meeting of 27 August 2012.

The unconfirmed CEAC Minutes of the 27 August 2012 were noted.

6.8 Medical Staff Executive Council (MSEC)

Mr Spriggs provided a verbal report arising from the MSEC Meeting of 9 August 2012

The unconfirmed MSEC Minutes of the 9 August 2012 were noted.

7. General Business:

7.1 Coraki and Surrounds Clinical Services Plan

The Chair advised that the Chief Executive, the Acting Executive Director Richmond Clarence Health Services Group, the Board Chair and Board Deputy Chair were all members of the Coraki and Surrounds Clinical Services Plan Steering Committee.

The Board considered the Coraki and Surrounds Clinical Services Plan was an inclusive plan and comprehensive consultation had been undertaken in the development of the Clinical Services Plan.

The Board unanimously RESOLVED to ENDORSE the nine recommendations including the establishment of a HealthOne Service on the Campbell Hospital (Coraki) Campus grounds and to consider the provision of after-hours services in Coraki.

Action:

Mr Crawford is to arrange for a Press Release to be issued in the name of the Board Chair advising of the Board's decision concerning the Coraki and Surrounds Clinical Services Plan.

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A short brief is to be forwarded to the MOH attaching the Press Release and advising of the NNSW LHD Board's decision to endorse the Coraki and Surrounds Clinical Services Plan.

Mr Crawford is to develop a two page brochure for circulation to the 2471 postcode on the progress to date and the next steps in relation to the provision of health service to the Coraki and Surrounds communities.

7.2 Brief and Draft LHD and Speciality Network Delegations of Authority
The Board noted the NSW MOH Local Health District and Speciality Network
Delegations of Authority Policy Statement. The Board also noted the Brief from Mr
McGuigan advising that the NNSW LHD Draft Delegations Manual will be reviewed in
accordance with the Draft Policy Statement and a draft Delegations Manual will be
submitted to the 28 November 2012 Board Meeting for endorsement following its
approval by the NNSW LHD Executive.

Action:

The draft NNSW LHD Delegations Manual is to be submitted to the 28 November 2012 Board Meeting for endorsement.

- 7.3 Summary from National Rural Health Alliance Inc. on "The factors affecting the supply of health services and medical Professionals in rural areas"

 Professor Barclay advised that more specific research to obtain some idea of the issues relating to workforce issues will be required to address the workforce issues. Issues also associated with Registrar and Junior Doctor training is an important factor, as it is important to ensure that there are Registrars in with public system, as well as the Staff Specialists and Visiting Medical Officers, to provide appropriate supervision, Professor Barclay said. Professor Barclay suggested that discussion with the Colleges is important, so that there are strong rural and regional hospitals.
- 7.4 Chief Executive Annual Performance Review and Agreement
 The Chair proposed that the Board Chair, Deputy Chair and Chair F&PC meet with
 the Chief Executive, to undertake the Chief Executive Performance Review for
 2011/2012.

The Chair indicated that Ms Maureen Lane, Manager Planning and Performance will be developing the 2012/13 Chief Executive Performance Agreement and she will provide a brief to the 1 November 2012 Board Meeting that explains any differences between the new Performance Agreement template and the previous Performance Agreement template.

The Board RESOLVED to endorse the proposal put forward by the Chair.

7.5 NNSW LHD By-Laws with proposed amendments for noting and endorsement to be undertaken at the 1 November 2012 Board Meeting

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Mr Frazer advised that the By-Laws document included in the Board papers was not the final document that had previously been agreed to by the Board.

Mr Crawford responded that Mr Frazer and Mr Spriggs, should meet to identify the final By-Laws document previously agreed to by the Board and this document should be submitted to 1 November 2012 Board meeting for consideration.

Action:

Mr Frazer and Mr Spriggs are to meet to identify the By-Laws document previously agreed to by the Board and it should be submitted to the 1 November 2012 Board Meeting for consideration.

- 7.6 Brief on alternative Proposal for Executive Director Allied Health Position Refer item 4.16
- 7.7 Brief on proposed 2013 NNSW LHD Board Meeting Dates
 The Board RESOLVED to endorse the 2013 Board Meeting dates.

8. Chief Executive's Report

Mr Crawford referred to the issues that were covered in his report to the Board, which Included Forward Budgets, Gold Coast Health District Board, MOH Deputy Director-General Visit, Access Performance, Coraki and Surrounds Clinical Services Plan, Bonalbo Hospital Developments, North Coast NSW Medicare Local, Australian Medicare Local Alliance, NNSW LHD Restructure, Introduction of Telehealth System to Mullumbimby Hospital, Meeting with The Tweed Hospital Medical Department Heads, NNSWLHD Executive, Performance Monitoring, Allied Health Council, LBH Stage 3 Phase 1, 2012/13 Budget YTD Results and 2012/13 Labour Expenditure Cap Strategies.

The Chief Executive's Report was approved.

9. For Information:

- 9.1 Letter from Bernadette Keenan, Managing Director, Bernadette Kennan Health Projects Pty Ltd thanking NNSW LHD for support during development of Coraki and Surrounds Clinical Services Plan Noted.
- 9.2 Letter from Ms Heather Gray, Chief Executive, HETI concerning the importance of Rural and Remote Health in HETI's work

The Chair requested that a brief is provided to the Executive on the establishment of a NNSW LHD Health Education Workforce Forum. Professor Barclay suggested that as the Interdisciplinary Clinical Training Network (ICTN) Steering Committee is now in place, it may be more appropriate to monitor how this Steering Committee progresses, prior to establishing an Health Education Workforce Forum of the Board. The Chair accepted this advice from Professor Barclay.

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Mr Crawford indicated that he will include the information about how NNSW LHD proposes to address education and research issues, following on from the first meeting of the ICTN Meeting, in his Chief Executive's Report to the 1 November 2012 Board Meeting.

Action:

Mr Jones is to make contact with Professor Barclay and is to draft a letter to HETI taking into account the concerns that have been raised by the Board about HETI's approach to the provision of Education and Training offerings to rurally based LHD Staff.

Mr Crawford is to include information on how NNSW LHD should address education and research issues, following the first meeting of the ICTN in his Report to the 1 November 2012 Board Meeting.

9.3 Letter to MOH with signed 2012/13 NNSW LHD Service Agreement and email from Dr Brian Pezzutti

Dr Pezzutti noted his concern that the MOH has not responded adequately to the issues that were raised by NNSW LHD with MOH concerning some of the content of the 2012/13 Service Agreement and indicated that he will further raise these matters with Mr Whelan during his visit to the NNSW LHD on 17 October 2012.

Professor Barclay left the meeting.

- 9.4 Message from the Director-General on NSW Health Budget Noted
- 9.5 NNSW LHD 2012/13 Claim Management Strategic Plan Noted
- 9.6 The Hon Jillian Skinner, MP Media Release, "Commonwealth must do more to Support Increases in Intern Positions"

 Noted

Dr Page left the meeting

10. Business Without Notice

- The Board congratulated Dr Sue Page on her appointment to the Board of the Australian Medicare Alliance.
- The Chair reported on the presentation made by the Director-General at the Council of Chairs meeting. The three items referred to in the presentation concerned measures to contain cost growth, being efficiency in clinical service delivery, integrated models of care, such as new midwifery models of care, and purchasing alternate care solutions, so that patients do not end up in hospital. The Director-General advised that such strategies will be included in future Service Agreements.

The end of the National Partnership Initiative will mean that NSW Health will lose some Sub-Acute Services operational funding from 1 July 2013, the Chair reported.

The Chair also advised that a presentation from Health Infrastructure (HI) was received, which indicated that HI is efficient and that it uses accredited providers and a sophisticated electronic modelling system to progress the capital works projects, for which it is responsible.

- Mr Marshall asked why the LHD is not able to tender against HI, if it is an independent organisation? The Chair responded that for any project over \$10 million, the LHD is required to use HI.
- The Board approved the payment of the registration fee of \$500 for the Chair to attend a Primary Healthcare Conference, as a consumer representative, in November 2012, noting that she will pay her own accommodation and airfares to attend this meeting in Adelaide.
- Ms Leone Crayden informed the Board of an interesting model that is being utilised in the United Kingdom (UK) where the Health Service puts out grants to Clinicians to run whole departments, such as contracting out physiotherapy services, and noted that this initiative is generating large savings for these local UK Health Services.

11. Correspondence In:

11.1 Schedule of correspondence received by the Board Chair for noting – documents to be tabled.

Noted

11.2 Email from Gail Hodges, Private Secretary, Minister for Health and Medical Research advising of the Minister's availability to attend the NNSW LHD Annual Community Meeting.

Noted

11.3 Letter of thanks from Janelle Saffin, MP, Member for Page re the Board letter re support for the re LBH Stage 3 Redevelopment and Yamba Community Health Centre projects

Noted

12. Correspondence Out:

- 12.1 Letter of invitation to the Hon Kevin Humphries, MP, Minister for Mental Health to be guest speaker at a NNSW LHD Function.

 Noted
- 13. Next Meeting: Wednesday 1 November 2012, 1.30 5.00 pm PBL Meeting Room, University Centre for Rural Health, Uralba Street, Lismore

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There being no further official business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.40 pm.

I declare that this is a true and accurate meeting record.

Signed Hazel Bridgett Date 11. 12-12

Chair, Northern NSW Local Health District