

The 180th meeting of the Board of Healthway was held at West Perth on Thursday 24 April 2014.

The membership of the Board consists of 11 people one of whom is the Chair appointed by the Minister for Health on the nomination of the Premier of Western Australia. The remaining ten members are nominees of community organisations or Government agencies in the sectors of health, local government, sport and the arts. For a list of current Healthway Board Members go to <http://www.healthway.wa.gov.au/profile/corporate-governance>.

The Acting Chair advised that Mr John Giorgi, the WALGA nominee to the Healthway Board, had resigned from the Board following his resignation from his role in local government. The Board welcomed Cr Wally Barrett as the deputy for the WALGA nominee on the Board.

REPORTS

The Board was briefed on a number of topics which included:

- **Finance and Audit Committee Report.** The Board revisited a report from the Finance and Audit Committee meeting that had been presented to the December 2013 meeting. At that meeting, it was noted that Healthway's annual grants and sponsorship audit had examined four groups in receipt of Healthway funding and found that all the organisations had met their contractual obligations. However, one organisation was unable to demonstrate appropriate strengths in internal controls which could increase the risk of fraud. As a result, Healthway requested that the organisation take steps to reduce this risk and suspended the organisation from further funding until this matter was resolved. The Board heard that Healthway had continued to liaise with the organisation over the past months to encourage them to implement the audit recommendations. A follow up audit in March 2014 found that the organisation had implemented appropriate measures and accordingly the funding suspension had been lifted.
- **The financial statements for the month ending 31 March 2014.** These were presented to and accepted by the Board.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Arts and Community Events Advisory Committee Report.** The Board noted a Committee discussion on Healthway's current policy of not supporting arts events and activities which allowed smoking to be portrayed during stage performances and in film and television. This discussion arose following queries by some arts organisations. The Board provided strong support for maintaining Healthway's current position of not supporting arts organisations that allowed smoking on stage during performances and noted that organisations would not be eligible for Healthway sponsorship for the entire program/season where smoking formed any part of any performance.

FUNDING APPROVALS

NOTE 1: Approval by Healthway's Board is required for sponsorship and grant applications for amounts over \$5,000. The Board delegates approval to the Executive Director for applications for amounts under \$5,000.

At the April meeting, the Board considered reports from the most recent meetings of the Advisory Committees for Health, Arts, Sport and Racing and recommended for approval grants and sponsorships as follows:

Health Promotion Projects

- The Board approved funding for over \$5,000 Health Promotion Project Grant applications to the total value of \$1,111,719;
- The Board approved funding of \$585,000 for a third year of a Health Promotion Project Grant; and
- The Board noted the Executive Director's approval of under \$5,000 Health Promotion Projects to the total value of \$3,353.

Arts and Community Events Sponsorships

- Arts Sponsorship applications for between \$5,000 and \$50,000 total recommendations for approval - \$304,000;
- The Board noted that the Executive Director had approved Arts Sponsorship applications for under \$5,000 to the total value of \$10,500;
- The Board recommended for approval funding of \$15,000 from the Community Events Program Budget for sponsorship applications between \$5,000 - \$50,000; and
- The Board noted approval of under \$5,000 Community Events Sponsorships to the value of \$18,000.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday 12 June 2014.

Note: Healthway Board communiqués are based on unconfirmed minutes and therefore are subject to change at the next meeting of the Board.