

The 181st meeting of the Board of Healthway was held at West Perth on Thursday 12 June 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 Chair welcomed Professor Helen Parker who joined the Board as the nominee of the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER) replacing Mr Andrew Watt whose term on the Board had concluded.

REPORTS

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

- **The Federal Budget.** The Board noted that the recent Federal budget contained a number of measures that could impact on health promotion efforts and projects in Western Australia. These included the winding up of the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA) and the *Be the Influence* community sponsorship fund, changes in Federal funding to some public health programs in WA and the proposed abolition of Medicare locals. The Board agreed that impacts on Healthway's strategic objectives arising from these changes should be closely monitored.
- **Alcohol Seminar.** The Board heard that this year's independent Chair for the Healthway Research Committee meeting on 30 July will be Professor Kypros Kypri, who is an NHMRC Senior Research Fellow in alcohol-related injury epidemiology in the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Newcastle, NSW. Professor Kypri is a behavioural scientist interested in the influence of the social and physical environment on drinking behaviour, and in determining the effectiveness of strategies aimed at preventing alcohol-related harm. He has conducted research on alcohol-related child and adolescent injury, web-based interventions and drinking among young people. He was also a lead researcher in an important recent study in NSW on the effects of trading hour restrictions on alcohol-related incidents. To coincide with Professor Kypri's visit, Healthway is organising a seminar in collaboration with the McCusker Centre for Action on Alcohol and Youth, to be held on 29 July 2014, focusing on policy measures known to be effective in addressing and preventing alcohol-related harm.
- **INHPF annual meeting.** Healthway is a founding member of the International Network of Health Promotion Foundations (INHPF). The network provides a forum for health promotion foundations around the world to share information and discuss common opportunities and challenges. The Board noted that Healthway's Executive Director will attend and chair the proceedings of the 2014 INHPF Annual Meeting in July, which is being hosted by the recently-established Tonga Health Promotion Foundation.
- **VicHealth Tobacco Forum.** The Board heard that Healthway's Director Health Promotion will attend a forum on tobacco harm reduction being hosted by VicHealth in mid-July. The forum will involve experts from Australia and around the world who will discuss a wide range of tobacco control topics.

- **The financial statements for the month ending 31 May 2014.** These were presented to and accepted by the Board.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Correspondence.** The Board noted a letter from the Department of Culture and the Arts on the establishment of a new adult contemporary dance company in Western Australia.

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

Health Promotion Research Projects

- The Board approved funding for Research Starter Grants to the value of \$146, 803.

Arts and Community Events Sponsorships

- Arts Sponsorship applications for between \$5,000 and \$50,000 total recommendations for approval - \$133,000;
- The Board noted that the Executive Director had approved Arts Sponsorship applications for under \$5,000 to the total value of \$34,500;
- The Board recommended for approval funding of \$30,000 from the Community Events Program Budget for sponsorship applications between \$5,000 and \$50,000; and
- The Board noted approval of under \$5,000 Community Events Sponsorships to the value of \$6,800.

Sport and Racing Sponsorships

- The Board noted the approval by the Executive Director of sport sponsorships of under \$5,000 to the total value of \$19,500;
- The Board approved funding of \$195,000 from the Sport Program Budget for sponsorship applications between \$5,000 and \$50,000; and
- The Board approved funding of \$1,740,000 from the Sport Program Budget for over \$50,000 sponsorship applications.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday 21 August 2014.

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