

Central Health Board of Trustees

Board Chair Report

I'm pleased to share highlights from our April 23rd open meeting in Twillingate with you.

"...this new process is ... how things should be. My daughter left the clinic feeling very comfortable and hopeful." This is what client's parent had to say about the new opioid dependency treatment (ODT) program in Gander.

The ODT program is designed in a hub and spoke model, with Gander as the hub and surrounding rural communities as spokes. Once people are stabilized on ODT, they will receive supports from primary care providers in their home communities. In-person and telehealth services are available. A new ODT clinic is expected to open in Gambo later this year.

Self-management Support & Telehealth Coordinator, Allison Scott, reported that Central Health now has 27 telehealth sites (up from 19 in 2017). Testing is complete on digital horus scopes, which will allow clinicians to examine things like ears and nose from a remote area. This will soon be available at telehealth sites across the region.

Construction of two new 60-bed long-term care homes in Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor will start this summer. Expected to open in 2021, these homes will increase our ability to provide the best healthy aging supports in the most appropriate setting. Construction on the 20-bed expansion of the protective care unit at DHTHC in Botwood will also begin this summer.

Central Northeast Health Foundation will be hosting a radiothon on May 9th in Gander to support the Critical Cardiac Campaign for cardiac patients receiving services at JPMRHC, while South and Central Health Foundation will be hosting a radiothon on May 10th in support of the continued revitalization of the inpatient mental health unit at CNRHC.

The next open Board meeting is scheduled for May 22 in Lewisporte.

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Chair, Central Health Board of Trustees



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