

Central Health Board of Trustees

Board Chair Report

June 2019

I'm pleased to share highlights from our June 18th open meeting on Fogo Island with you.

Central Health, in conjunction with Western Health and the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health, recently received national recognition. The Canadian College of Health Leaders presented the health authorities with an award for value-based care for seniors in long-term care on June 9, 2019.

Planning for the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan is underway using the 5 Partners in Health Approach. The 5 partners are health professionals, health managers, communities, policy makers and academic institutions. The aim is to meet the needs of the people we serve by understanding the current health status and health needs of individuals and communities.

A Regional Community Advisory Committee Planning Day was held May 28th to discuss opportunities that focused on population health and primary health care. We heard about food security/community gardens, transportation for seniors, mental health awareness and services, cannabis, staff recruitment, and how the role of patient navigation can be implemented.

More than 40 physicians, Board Trustees, members of the Senior Management Team, representatives from the Department of Health and Community Services, and the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association gathered in Lewisporte, June 10th, for the second Physician Forum. The steering committee, comprised mostly of physicians, have been developing recommendations for our Board on changes to the Central Health Medical Staff Bylaws.

The next open Board meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on September 24th in Harbour Breton.

Don Sturge
Chair, Central Health Board of Trustees

