

Central Health Board of Trustees

Board Chair Report

December 2020

I'm pleased to share highlights from our open board meeting, held December 8, 2020. To say the least, 2020 has indeed been a year to remember, both for the incredible challenges that we have all faced.

In March, before the onset of the pandemic, we held the final session of our '5 Partners in Health' community engagement to support the development of Central Health's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan. Later that same month we faced the beginning of COVID-19 global pandemic, we were unable to hold an in-person board meeting, but that didn't stop our work from continuing virtually. In September, we held our first online Annual General Meeting.

An area of work that continues to progress this year is the expansion and development of our Community Advisory Councils (CACs) throughout Central Health. Work is currently underway to add a twelfth CAC in the Glovertown- Eastport-Terra Nova area. In addition to the CACs, we have also been able to use online technology to host ongoing stakeholder meetings with area leaders throughout the Central Newfoundland region, holding four since September.

Significant work took place in 2020 to implement recommendations stemming from the Central Health External Review in 2018. As of September 30, 2020, 36 of the recommendations stemming from the Central Regional Integrated Health Authority External Review have been actioned.

As Board Chair, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend a sincere thank you to our President and CEO, Senior Management and all employees of Central Health for their tremendous work and dedication given throughout the year.

The next open board meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2021.

Don Sturge
Chair, Central Health Board of Trustees