

**MINUTES OF NINTH PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CENTRAL REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 VIA VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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**PRESENT:**

Mr. Don Sturge, Board Chair	Mr. Thomas Kendell, Vice Chair
Mr. Rick LeDrew	Ms. Judy White
Ms. Bonnie Pritchett	Mr. Hector Pearce
Mr. Max Taylor	Mr. Fred Penney
Ms. Valerie Hoskins	Ms. Jennifer Whelan
Mr. David Oxford	Ms. Maisie Clark
Mr. Des Dillon	
Ms. Andrée Robichaud, President & CEO	
Ms. Barbara Parsons, Recording Secretary	

**REGRETS:**

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT PRESENT:**

Mr. John Kattenbusch	Ms. Joanne Pelley
Ms. Vanessa Mercer-Oldford	Mr. Adam Randell
Mr. Craig Davis	Ms. Madonna Sparkes
Dr. Martin Vogel	

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Call to Order; Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Don Sturge, Board Chair, at 7:00 p.m.

- Mr. Don Sturge provided a general welcome and individual introduction of Board Trustees to all in attendance.
- Ms. Andrée Robichaud provided individual introduction of Senior Management Team to all in attendance.
- The Board Chair acknowledged, as we gather virtually from communities across central Newfoundland, Central Health would like to respectfully acknowledge the province of Newfoundland and Labrador as the ancestral homelands of many diverse populations of Indigenous people who have contributed to 9,000 years of history including the Beothuk on the Island of Newfoundland. Today, this province is home to diverse populations of Indigenous and other people. We also acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit.
- The Chair noted that the open meetings is part of our Board's commitment to ongoing engagement with communities, and to building strong effective partnerships throughout the whole Central Health region.
- Reference was made to the schedule of meetings and dates posted on the Central Health website.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was circulated in the Board package for review and approval.

***It was moved by Mr. Thomas Kendell and seconded by Mr. Fred Penney that the January 26, 2021 agenda for the Central Regional Health Authority Board Meeting be adopted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED***

### **3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### **4. Patient Story**

Ms. Joanne Pelley shared a patient story as it relates to the social determination of people's health. A patient needed a medical procedure which was required prior to, for possible change in medication. This procedure meant the patient would require transportation for Laboratory Services. With limited support for transportation, the staff worked together to provide an alternative and a different procedure was identified for the patient which did not require transport.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **5. Consent Agenda Items**

The minutes of the Central Health December 8, 2020 Public meeting were circulated in the Board package for review and approval.

***It was moved by Ms. Bonnie Pritchett and seconded by Ms. Valerie Hoskins to accept the minutes of the Central Health December 8, 2020 Public meeting and all contained within. MOTION CARRIED***

## **BOARD, MEDICAL STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **6. Chair's Report**

The Board Chair, Mr. Don Sturge, provided a verbal report and highlights are as follows:

- Acknowledgement of the challenges of 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, despite our relatively low number of cases. Well wishes were extended for a very healthy and safe 2021, with the hopes of the vaccines around the corner.
- The Board Chair acknowledged the efforts of everyone in the population for following public health directives, including the work of the Central Health leadership and front-line employees in providing safe care to its patients, residents and clients.
- Central Health is aiming to have all health care workers vaccinated within the first quarter of 2021.
- The Board Executive and Senior Management Team held an online Stakeholder Meeting with the Buchan's and area leaders on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The next meeting is with the Baie Verte and area.
- The work of the many Auxiliaries within the Central Health Region were recognized for their strong volunteer efforts in so many of our facilities. Through the hard work and

dedication of the many volunteers who support these auxiliaries, the whole population have been the recipients of many pieces of needed equipment.

- In conclusion the Board Chair expressed heartfelt thanks to all the acts of kindness, selflessness and volunteerism witnessed throughout the whole of Central Health region. Thank you for your good work and continued support and commitment. Your efforts are truly inspirational and on behalf of all Board Trustees, I sincerely thank you!

***It was moved by Mr. Don Sturge and seconded by Mr. Fred Penney to accept the Chair's report as tabled. MOTION CARRIED***

#### **7. President & CEO and Senior Management Team Report**

The President & Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management Team Report was circulated in the Board package. Board Trustees were provided an opportunity to ask questions to the President & CEO and Senior Management Team as it related to the report and answers were provided.

***It was moved by Ms. Jennifer Whalen and seconded by Ms. Judy White to accept the President & CEO and Senior Management Team report as tabled. MOTION CARRIED***

#### **8. Planning & Finance Committee Report**

The Planning & Finance Committee Chair, Ms. Bonnie Pritchett, provided a verbal report and answered questions.

***It was moved by Ms. Bonnie Pritchett and seconded by Mr. Max Taylor to accept the report of the Planning and Finance Committee as tabled. MOTION CARRIED***

#### **9. Governance Committee Report**

Mr. Rick LeDrew, Governance Committee Chair, provided a verbal report and answered questions.

***It was moved by Mr. Rick LeDrew and seconded by Ms. Bonnie Pritchett to accept the report of the Governance Committee as tabled. MOTION CARRIED***

Dr. Martin Vogel provided a comprehensive explanation of the new Medical Staff Bylaws.

#### **10. Quality Assurance & Performance Committee Report**

Ms. Valerie Hoskins, Quality Assurance & Performance Committee Chair, provided a verbal report and answered questions.

***It was moved by Ms. Valerie Hoskins and seconded by Mr. Fred Penney to accept the report of the Quality Assurance and Performance Committee report as tabled. MOTION CARRIED***

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **11. Date and Location of the Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Thomas Kendell.



Secretary



Chair