Central Health Board of Trustees Board Chair Report April 2021

I'm pleased to share highlights from our open board meeting, held April 6, 2021.

It has certainly been a very busy spring and even though we are currently navigating a global pandemic we are making significant strides forward as a health authority.

The Board was updated on final changes to Central Health's Medical Staff Bylaws which will be enacted April 19, 2021, to provide an administrative structure for the governance of medical staff affairs for Central Health, and in doing so ensuring patient safety, quality improvement and assurance of medical care.

I thank all involved with this body of work and I would like to say a special thank you to Dr. Martin Vogel for his role in stewarding this project.

I would also like to thank Dr. David Carroll for taking on the interim role of VP of Medical Services.

As you may be aware, the current CEO, Ms. Andree Robichaud, has provided us with notice that she will be stepping down. Our recruitment efforts were hampered by the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. With the province returning to Alert Level 2, the Board and the Department of Health are proceeding with a search for a new CEO.

I'm happy to note that COVID-19 vaccinations across the region are well underway. Central Health is following provincial and national guidance on COVID-19 vaccination for priority populations and we have been able to offer vaccinations for residents aged 70+, many of our priority health care workers, and residents in indigenous communities.

We are very close to achieving our goal of vaccinating all health care workers by the end of the year's first quarter.

The next open board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021.

Don Sturge
Chair, Central Health Board of Trustees