

Central Health Board of Trustees

Board Chair Report

October 2019

I'm pleased to share highlights from our open board meeting, held in New-Wes-Valley, October 22, 2019, on behalf of Chair Don Sturge.

The work of the Board of Trustees and the committees on which they serve, has remained focused on the four strategic goals of the organization. These are Person- and Family-Centred Care, Better Value through Improvement, Better Care, and Better Health.

In line with these goals, we continue to accomplish a lot. For instance, Family Councils are now established at all of our 11 long-term care homes. These Family Councils have been able to provide patients and their families with a great opportunity to be part of the care and the discussions around long term care in our province.

Within the last year a Patient & Family Advisory Committee was created, and a Patient and Family Advisor has joined the Senior Management Team.

To address available parking concerns at the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre, in Grand Falls—Windsor, the Board has approved a plan to add 48 new parking spaces to the main parking lot and West Block areas, and an additional 26 spaces at Carmelite House.

The Board extended congratulations to Emergency and Pharmacy staff at both James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre and Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre for receiving the Leading Practice Award from Accreditation Canada for "Procurement of the Best Possible Medication History Possible in the Emergency Department by a Pharmacy Technician.

The next Public Board meeting is scheduled for November 19 in Springdale.

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Vice Chair, Central Health Board of Trustees



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