

I'm pleased to share highlights from our open board meeting, held in Grand Falls-Windsor, January 28, 2020.

We are delighted to tell you that midwifery services are up and running at Central Health with all four midwives in place. We would like to welcome the midwives and thank them for choosing to practice at Central Health.

We are also pleased to tell you that on January 6th, obstetrical delivery services reopened at James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre in Gander. Obstetrical delivery services in Central Newfoundland are now available at both James Paton Regional Health Centre in Gander and the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Getting to this point has taken a lot of hard work and collaboration amongst all partners in care – specifically the obstetricians, and their physician colleagues in Anaesthesia, Pediatrics and Family Medicine. A special thanks to Dr. Jennifer Mercer, Regional Chief of Obstetrics, and Dr. Steve Parsons, Chief of Staff at CNRHC, for their leadership and delivery of care throughout the diversion.

The seventh and final '5 Partners in Health' community engagement session in developing Central Health's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan will take place in St. Alban's, February 13, at the Royal Canadian Legion. To register, please contact Trina Mercer, at (709) 885-3230.

The next open board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020 in Gander.

Don Sturge Chair, Central Health Board of Trustees

