

**MINUTES OF SEVENTEENTH OPEN BOARD MEETING OF THE CENTRAL REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 VIA VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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**PRESENT:** Mr. Don Sturge, Board Chair Mr. Des Dillon  
Ms. Judy White Ms. Bonnie Pritchett  
Mr. Hector Pearce Ms. Maisie Clark  
Mr. Fred Penney Ms. Jennifer Whalen  
Ms. Andrée Robichaud  
Ms. Barbara Parsons, Recording Secretary

**REGRETS:** Mr. Rick LeDrew Mr. David Oxford  
Ms. Valerie Hoskins Mr. Thomas Kendell, Vice Chair

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT PRESENT:**  
Mr. John Kattenbusch Ms. Joanne Pelley  
Mr. Adam Randell Dr. David Carroll  
Ms. Kelly Muggridge Mr. David Perry  
Ms. Amy Folkes Ms. Madonna Sparkes

**GUEST:** Mr. Jamie Howell

## **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 provided a land acknowledgment, ...*"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. Fred Penney and seconded by Ms. Bonnie Pritchett to accept the June 28, 2022 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, Vice President of Integrated Health and Chief Nursing Executive shared a positive patient story related to the compassion of the Care Team ensuring a patient had continual access to the facility healing gardens which was instrumental with the discharge of the patient to return home.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

The minutes of the Central Health May 17, 2022 Public meeting were circulated in the Board package for review and approval.

***It was moved by Mr. Des Dillon and seconded by Ms. Maisie Clark to accept the minutes of the Central Health May 17, 2022 Public meeting as circulated. MOTION CARRIED***

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION / BOARD EDUCATION**

### **6. Presentation: “Opioid Dependency Program”**

Ms. Joanne Pelley introduced Mr. Jamie Howell and Ms. Bonita Kenway with the Opioid Dependency Treatment Team who presented on Opioid Dependency Program at Central Health. Ms. Kenway had technical difficulties and was not able to join, Mr. Howell proceeded with the full presentation. Board Trustees were provided opportunity to ask questions and answers were given.

Mr. Don Sturge acknowledged the work of the Opioid Dependency Treatment Team, thanking Mr. Howell for his presentation and excused him from the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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

### **7. Chair’s Report**

The Board Chair, Mr. Don Sturge, provided a verbal report and highlights since the last May 17, 2022 Public Board meeting.

- The chair spoke at length as to how Central Health has been faced with unprecedented challenges around physician and nursing shortages, like that of all other health authorities and jurisdictions in our Province and across the country.
- He elaborated on areas of specific strategies and focus for which Central Health was

utilizing in their recruitment efforts, including securing travel nurses contracted through external agencies to support nurse's vacation leave from June 2022 to March 2023.

- The Chairs spoke to the need for continued Virtual ER support and Temporary ER Closures for rural health centers....noting that Temporary ER Closure of a service was an **absolute last resort**.
- The Chair thanked all citizens who attended the 4 virtual Town Hall sessions held back in May and engaged with the Senior Leadership. Your expressed concerns, as well as your valued contributions of constructive ideas and suggestions for improvement were greatly appreciated.
- The chair encourages everyone to take some time to review the Health Accord NL final report and implementation blueprint, all available online under [healthaccord.nl.ca](http://healthaccord.nl.ca)
- Reference was made to the transitioning of the 4 Regional Health Authorities into the 1 Provincial Health Authority and that Mr. David Diamond had been named as the transitional CEO to lead the planning teamwork.
- In closing the chair expressed a sincere thank you to each and every Central Health employee, physician and volunteer for their continued dedication and hard work to serve the people of the region and province. Further, wishing everyone a well- deserved time for vacation over the summer.

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

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

The President & Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management Team Report was circulated in the Board package.

As well as the written report, the President and Chief Executive Officer provided an update on the following additional items:

- Dr. David Carroll and Ms. Amy Folkes provided a recruitment update.

Board Trustees were provided an opportunity to ask questions to the Senior Management Team as it is related to the report and answers were given.

***It was moved by Ms. Maisie Clark and seconded by Mr. Fred Penney acceptance of the President & Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management Team report as tabled. MOTION CARRIED***

#### **9. Resource Planning Committee Report**

Ms. Bonnie Pritchett, Resource Planning Committee Chair, provided a verbal report and answered questions.

***It was moved by Ms. Bonnie Pritchett and seconded by Mr. Des Dillon acceptance of the report of the Planning and Finance Committee as tabled. MOTION CARRIED***

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

Mr. Fred Penney provided a verbal report on behalf of Ms. Valerie Hoskins, Quality Assurance &

Performance Committee Chair and answered questions.

***It was moved by Mr. Fred Penney and seconded by Ms. Bonnie Pritchett acceptance of 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 of the Central Health Board will be the Annual General meeting, which is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 via Microsoft Teams.

There was motion by Ms. Judy White to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chair