

# Central Health Board of Trustees

## *Board Chair Report*

April 2022

I'm pleased to share highlights from our open board meeting, held April 5, 2022.

Since our last Open Board meeting, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the two new 60– bed long-term care facilities in Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor with Premiere Furey, Health Minister Haggie, and MHA Brian Warr. These facilities are state-of-the-art with new equipment that provides a pleasurable dining experience to ensure positive resident experiences.

On March 14, the province lifted COVID-19 restrictions throughout the province. I'm sure many have noticed that not all restrictions have been removed from healthcare facilities in the Central Newfoundland region. For example, masking and social distancing remains in place for staff and the public at health care facilities throughout the region. We have even implemented visitor restriction measures in areas experiencing COVID-19 outbreak. Please know these steps are part of a concerted effort by the four RHAs and the province of Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure the continued safety of our most vulnerable populations and our staff.

I would like to wish Central Health's many volunteers a happy Volunteer Appreciation Week. While Volunteer Appreciation Week is scheduled from April 24<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>. Central Health's Volunteers have a far-reaching impact. From our Community Advisory Committees and Patient Experience Advisors to our grassroots campaigns, our volunteers can be found in our hospitals, in our long-term care facilities, and in the community raising funds to ensure the people of Central Newfoundland have the healthcare support they require. Even our Board of Trustees is comprised of volunteers. Please know that what you do matters and that you are making a difference. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you to all for everything that you do.

**The next open board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022.**

Don Sturge  
Chair, Central Health Board of Trustees