Central Health Board of Trustees **Report September 2022**

I'm pleased to share highlights from our 17th Annual General Meeting, held online, September 27, 2022.

I would like to thank our special guest speaker Department of Health and Community Services Minister Tom Osborne for attending the AGM.

2021-2022 marked the second year of the 2020-2023 planning cycle, Year three is now underway and we are on track to achieve the goals within the strategic plan. This strategic plan is a road map that guides our work and keeps us focused on our goals. It was developed in collaboration with Our Five Partners in Health and through eight community sessions across the region, hearing from over 400 people.

This past year has created many challenges and healthcare in general experienced enduring trying times. We have seen staffing shortages, a province-wide cyber attack, COVID-19 and wildfires. The Board believes the answers to our challenges lie in looking ahead, and in how we capitalize on our strengths and how we embrace change and work together. I look to the future with optimism because I believe we are on the threshold of many opportunities which have the potential to change the future of healthcare in our province.

I would like to end my chair address by expressing a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the team of approx. 3300 dedicated Central Health staff, physicians and the senior leadership team. Finally to my colleagues on the board for all that you do, as you give so much of your volunteer time and energies to the work of the Board

Don Sturge

Chair, Central Health Board of Trustees

