## Central Health Board of Trustees Board Chair Report October 2021

I'm pleased to share highlights from our open board meeting, held October 26, 2021.

The Board has a strong desire to continue its engagement with citizens and will continue to hold six stakeholder meetings per year. These sessions provide the Board and the Senior Management Team an opportunity to engage with community leaders

As we continue to grow our Community Advisory Committees, we continue to welcome new members. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in healthcare to please consider joining a CAC. For more about CACs please visit <a href="https://www.centralhealth.nl.ca/cac">www.centralhealth.nl.ca/cac</a>.

COVID-19 vaccinations continue across the province. Central Health regularly promotes upcoming COVID-19 clinics, so please keep an eye on our social media pages and the news and advisories section of the Central Health website for dates near you.

The province is now requesting proof of vaccination at certain business locations. To support vaccination proof the province has developed an official app called NL Vax Pass which is secure, free and can be downloaded through the iPhone App Store or Google Play for Android phones.

Health care is facing significant challenges in the area of recruitment of health care workers. Central Health has undertaken numerous recruitment activities so we can continue to provide safe and sustainable care.

Health Accord NL, the provincial Task Force on Health, has been soliciting feedback from about how we can re-envision healthcare. For upcoming sessions, please visit <a href="https://www.healthaccordnl.ca">www.healthaccordnl.ca</a>.

The next open board meeting will be the Central Health's AGM, scheduled for December 7, 2021.

Don Sturge Chair, Central Health Board of Trustees