

Central Health Board of Trustees

Board Chair Report

January 2023

I'm pleased to share highlights from our open board meeting, held January 31, 2023.

As we start a new year in healthcare, I would like to thank Central Health's approximately 3,300 employees, physicians and leadership for their dedicated work and wish them success in the year ahead.

Recruitment and retention is an ongoing process and recently Central Health had success in the recruitment of 3 physicians for the Coast of Bays region. The board would like to extend a warm welcome to:

- Dr. Madan Mariappan, Bay d'Espoir Community Health Centre, St. Alban's
- Dr. Robert Jong, Connaigre Peninsula Health Centre, Harbour Breton
- Dr. Zachary Price, Connaigre Peninsula Health Centre, Harbour Breton

Positions range from full time to part time, providing full time to part time coverage to the region until June 2023.

Another great achievement to highlight for recruitment and retention is that throughout 2022 Central Health was successful in hiring 43 external RNs. Of this number, 5 were rehired retirees. An additional 9 RNs accepted offers in 2022 and have not yet started with the organization.

The Board continues to be engaged in the development of a single provincial health authority and recently had an opportunity to meet with transitional CEO David Diamond to provide input and discuss any question or concerns we had.

Central Health's Community Health Assessment survey is available online. Information collected will be used to inform local priorities and action planning around these priorities in each of the Primary Health Care areas. I encourage all to take a few minutes to visit the Central Health website and complete this survey.

The next Open Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2023.