



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

CEO Report: February 2024 Update

To: Board of Health
Date: February 27, 2024
From: Heather G Daly

The month of February has flown by very quickly as we address multiple priorities that ask us to look simultaneously to the past, present and future. Reporting has been underway that reviews the outcomes and evaluates performance from 2023 including financial, service delivery, risk management and operational planning. At the same time, we continue to deliver in real time our regular programs, services and operations. We are also focusing on planning activities preparing the 2024 Ministry's Annual Service Plan (ASP) and the RCDHU Budget. In addition, there is a significant amount of work being directed to the province's Strengthening Public Health strategies with the main focus on the merger feasibility project.

We are very pleased to report that Carolyn Watt has been reappointed by Order in Council to the board of health for another 3 year term that commences April 1, 2024. The reappointment letter is included with the correspondence materials.

Corporate Operational Plan with Risk Mitigation Strategies:

The senior management team has been completing the final stages of the 2024 Corporate Operational Plan with Risk mitigation strategies. The results from this review will be presented to the Board at the March regular meeting. The Q4 update for 2023 will be presented at today's meeting by Tom Regan.

2023 Financial Audit:

The 2023 Audit Planning letter has been received from the Auditors at Scott Rosien Black & Locke. The purpose of the letter is to address their responsibilities, scope and timing of the audit. The proposed presentation of the financial statements to the Board of Health is May 28, 2024. As in prior years, a response from the Board is requested to address oversight, fraud risk, and any other matters that should be brought to their attention. The audit response letter is included in the New Business section for board review and consideration.

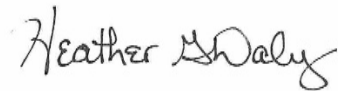
Ministry of Health Q4 Report

The 2023 Q4 report to the Ministry of Health was submitted on schedule on January 31. The unaudited Q4 summary information for RCDHU was presented to the Resources Committee in February and the highlights are included in their committee report.

2024 Budget and Annual Service Plan for Ministry of Health

The due date has been extended from March 1 to April 2, 2024, to submit the Annual Service Plan (ASP) to the Ministry. The complete RCDHU budget including the ASP will be presented to the Resources Committee in mid-March and then to the full Board at the end of the month. We know the Ministry has committed funding for 2024 that will include a 1% increase over 2023 funding. They also confirmed the Mitigation Funding will be included in our base funding. There is no additional funding for COVID-19 extraordinary costs and we are mandated to absorb these cost pressures within the base funding. The teams are putting together their service delivery and staff planning so the budget and ASP can be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Shady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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