



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal health for all in Renfrew County and District"

CEO Report: October 2024 Update

To: Board of Health
Date: October 29, 2024
From: Heather G Daly

Ministry of Health

The Ministry continues making progress closing past year settlements, which are the final confirmation of any payment amounts outstanding between RCDHU and the Ministry. It formally confirms their agreement with our audited statements. As per my September update, they completed the 2020 review this summer and have now completed 2021 and most of the work for 2022. The settlement agreement [letter](#) for 2021 aligns with the audited results for RCDHU from 2021.

Conferences & Training:

The Board Governance training session was held virtually during the afternoon of October 21 with good turnout from our board members and those of North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit. The session presenters were Loretta Ryan of alPHA and Monika Turner, a public policy consultant with a background in public health. A follow up survey was provided to board members to give their feedback.

As a reminder, the alPHA Fall ([Symposium](#)) is taking place November 6th-8th with the closing date for registration on October 30. There will be pre-symposium workshops, with one all-day workshop on Artificial Intelligence. We have 3 board members registered to attend the Symposium.

Board Annual Self-Evaluations

The Board Self-Evaluation forms were issued to all RCDHU board members by email on October 22 with a due date of November 8. If you haven't already completed and returned your forms, we ask you do so as soon as possible. This is a valuable tool which helps to identify improvements for board effectiveness and efficiency along with planning for board education opportunities next year. Results will be shared at the November 26 board meeting for review and further discussion.

Shared Services:

Dr. Morgenstern and I organized individual meetings with each of the Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) for RCDHU's obligated municipalities. These meetings were held virtually on Sept 17, 19 and 23. During the meetings we discussed mutual areas of interest and opportunities for collaboration.

Shared themes include inflationary cost pressures, procurement issues and challenges with workforce and talent recruitment. Areas of interests and opportunities to continue to explore include training opportunities (e.g. leadership, diversity/Indigenous awareness training), sharing of venues/physical space for staff events, procurement/group purchasing opportunities and sharing of policies/procedures. These are examples but are not a finite list. We will continue to work together so we can find creative solutions to our common challenges.

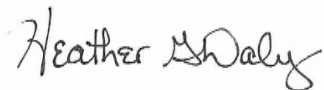
In September, RCDHU was invited to participate in the Renfrew County Municipal Day which gave elected officials and staff an opportunity to visit and learn about municipal departments. Two members of the RCDHU team participated along with representatives from the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team and other partners.

Dr. Morgenstern is representing RCDHU as a member of the executive of the Renfrew Area Administrators Group (RAAG) and after a lengthy hiatus during the pandemic, meetings for this group resumed in September. Active membership in this group will provide additional opportunities for shared services and collaboration.

Meeting Recordings

The recordings for the RCDHU virtual board meetings are now being posted to our RCDHU YouTube channel.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Shady".

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