



Board of Directors Semi-annual Report

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In my first message as president of the CHSA Board I want to express how proud I am to serve as a representative of such a diverse and active health cooperative, where our board, staff and members share one very important thing in common: a desire to make a positive impact in our community.

Some highlights from the past six months:

- Those of you who have attended the Downtown Clinic may have had an opportunity to be greeted by members working at Membership Days tables in the back door waiting area with the goal of engaging patients in discussions about becoming a member of the Community Clinic if they are not already members. The Board recognizes that ongoing renewal of the membership base is an important strategic priority.

- In November, a letter was sent to all members encouraging donations to the Saskatoon Community Clinic Foundation; thank you to all who have contributed to this campaign. Your contributions are very important to the quality of service we can provide in the community. In this issue of Focus you will find a description of the items funded through your donations in the past year.

- We are pleased to welcome Marianne Jurzyniec, Sherri Swidrovich and Patti Warwick to the Board of Directors. Thank you to our outgoing Board members Carol Eaton, Keeley Phillips and Bill Davies for their many contributions while serving on the Board. I would like to give a special thank you to Bill Davies for his leadership as Chairperson of the Board and

President over the past several years. Bill led the Association through some significant organizational changes including a governance review. This review has resulted in a new set of Board policies and bylaw changes which have helped us move from an operationally focussed board to a governance board. His strong leadership, sense of humour and compassion for others will be greatly missed.

These are very exciting times for the Association; we continue to move forward with progress on our twenty year capital master plan, expand our role in Connected Community Care Phase II in addition to the expansion of hours at the Westside location, and work in conjunction with the Saskatoon Community Clinic Foundation to raise our profile and have our clinics recognized for their outstanding work as interdisciplinary community health centres.

Through our interactions with staff, patients, and members, our Board has heard the same clear and overwhelming message - that our clinics are running, in one manner or another, at capacity. Recently, the Board met for our annual retreat and came away re-energized about our focus for the future, which will allow us to finalize our strategic plan over the coming weeks. Providing exceptional person-centred care will always be top of mind as we move forward with the steps and initiatives required to make our plans become reality.

Admittedly, there may be some bumps along the way as we address challenges that need to be overcome in order to move forward in a meaningful way. I find comfort in the realization that the will and determination of our CHSA founders is still very evident in our membership today; I'm sure as we collaborate and coordinate our efforts there is no hurdle that can stand in our way. ♦

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