

**ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK
2018-2019**

INTRODUCTION:

In 1986 the New Brunswick sector of Therapia, an association of Catholic Hospitals and Nursing Homes in Atlantic Canada, established an independent association comprising mainly of the Hospitals and Nursing Homes located within the province of New Brunswick with an invitation for others in Atlantic Canada to join. The Association became known as the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick.

The Association now operates in cooperation with Catholic Health International and acts as the voice for Christian healthcare, in the Catholic tradition, in the Atlantic area. The mission of the association has been promoted for over 33 years.

The Board of Directors meets during the year, as required, and responds to the work of the various committees staffed by a number of dedicated volunteers.

The following is a summary of the various activities:

The *Centre for Excellence In Leadership* housed and operated by Catholic Health International is the main contributor to the work of the committees with the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick in areas of the five major pillars: Ethic, Spiritual & Religious Care, Catholic Healthcare Leadership, Mission Development, and Values.

ETHICS

The group spent part of the year revising and developing an ethical decision-making guide and an ethics information poster. These materials were then shared with all of our member facilities. The topic of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) continued to be the dominant issue in all Catholic facilities in Canada. Regular updates were received and an updated set of guidelines was provided to Member facilities based on the guidelines developed by the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada. Sr. Nuala Kenny's new book *Rediscovering the Art of Dying* was provided to the Members of the Ethics group to be used as a resource. In addition, Sister Kenny provided a number of workshops in the Atlantic area and members were encouraged to attend. The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada's *Ethics Capacity in Catholic Health – Recommendations Report* was reviewed by the Ethics group and supplied to all Member facilities for their review and discussion at the Board/Advisory level.

MISSION

The committee reviewed "*Mission Leaders Competency*" material from the CHA-US to better understand the skill set needed in our mission leaders. The Mission group also explored how CHI can improve and grow hospice/palliative care, including a review of a parish-based program being developed in the Diocese of Windsor, Ontario. This will be further developed in the coming year. The Mission pillar has also reviewed and promoted the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada's *Awaken* program.

SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE

The issue of Spiritual and Religious Care remained a very important topic over the past year within the Association. Catholic Health International conducted a survey during the year to determine the resources available to our member facilities. A meeting was held in January of all the New Brunswick Hospital Facility Managers/Representatives and Nursing Home Executive Directors to discuss the future development of this service. Several recommendations were made and have been submitted to the Spiritual and Religious Care pillar of CHI for further action. They will be making further recommendation to the CHI Board later in the year.

VALUES

Over the past year, several site visits were made to member facilities as part of the CHI Values Integration Assessment Program (VIAP). These visits were very successful and continue to show, overall, a commitment to the Founding Sisters mission and philosophy. Over the next year all CHI member facilities will have completed this Assessment Program.

EDUCATION

The Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program has taken on a new look with the appointment of Heather Oakley, Director of Education Services for Catholic Health International at the helm. The program has been revised and has seen a major increase in the number of students, both registering and graduating. This past year the French Program was held in Tracadie, New Brunswick. Module One was held in October and Module Two was held in May with 27 students graduating. Jean Marie Dionne, of Saint John, assisted with the French program. There continues to be a positive response to our Founders Scholarship program with scholarships awarded to worthy students in both official languages throughout the province.

A Palliative Care Conference was organized in September and funded by Catholic Health International. It was a tremendous success with 390 participants taking part in 27 locations throughout the Horizon and Vitalite Health Networks. A survey of participants was extremely positive.

RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS

Work was completed during the year on the sculpture to recognize Religious who provided services in Healthcare, Education, and Social services in the past. The sculpture has been installed at a site in Fredericton and will be unveiled in the Fall of 2019. This initiative has been ongoing for a number of years and we congratulate all those who worked to make this a reality, in particular our sponsor – Catholic Health International for providing the funds to make this happen.

ADVOCACY

During the year the Association, through its membership, continued its advocacy on programs which were of concern or were being promoted. Meetings were held regularly with the President and CEO of both the Horizon Health Network and Vitalite Health Network, the Bishops of New Brunswick, the government of New Brunswick through the Premier's office, Health and Social Development offices, and the Federal Government through its many Members of Parliament.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board of Directors continues with its five (5) year strategic plan prepared in 2015 and expiring in 2020. The Board will be setting a date for the next strategic planning retreat to prepare for the next five (5) years following a CHI Board retreat planned for November of 2019.

GOVERNANCE/OTHER

The Advisory Chair Council meets on a regular basis. The nomination committee met as required and will be presenting its report at the annual meeting in September 2019.

FINANCIAL

The Association continues to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

THANK YOU

In 1986, at the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick's inaugural meeting, Fernand Rioux was appointed as the Treasurer. Fernand has remained in that position until his resignation from the Board at the annual meeting in 2019. He has provided a regular financial statement and was always available for assistance handling the payment of any invoices in a very efficient and timely manner. We thank Fernand for his many years of dedicated service.

A special thank you also, to all CHANB members, volunteers, and others for your continued support in these challenging times. A very special thank you to the Board of Directors for their dedication, encouragement and support.

Lise Guerrette Daigle
Chairperson



Robert B. Stewart
Executive Director



AWARDS

Mid-Career Leadership Award 2018

Kim Savoie



Lifetime Achievement Award 2018

Sherry Gionet



Pictured above is Cil Hickey receiving an award in special recognition to the Lady's Auxiliary for their dedication to Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Francophone Recipient 2018

Julie LeBouthillier



Anglophone Recipient 2018

Jennifer White



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