

Annual Report 2014

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Challenges of Senior Care



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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick, we are pleased to submit the annual report of our activities during the past year.

GOVERNANCE:

As we prepared for our Annual conference the two Regional Health Authorities contributed financially to our recent Annual Conference. The working relationship with the RHAs continues to be excellent.

A recommendation for replacement appointment was sent to the Minister of Health for one of our Region Health Authorities and the appointment was made. Each of the representatives now sit on the Advisory Chair Council. This Council met five times over the past year and dealt with governance issues of the Catholic Hospital Corporations in the province of New Brunswick. The new Facility Manager evaluation document has been utilized in many of the facilities. Over the coming year, all Facility Managers will have an evaluation completed. In addition, over the past year a new Board self-evaluation document was developed and is being implemented. In addition the new “Working Together” booklet produced by Catholic Health International has been distributed to facilities which provides key measuring tools regarding Mission, Values, and Ethics. A new “orientation manual” produced by Catholic Health International will be implemented over the coming months.

The Association is working with the Long Term Care sector in the province to prepare a position paper on issues within the Long Term Care sector in particular governance, whereby there remains some speculation on regionalization. It appears that the provincial government is pushing the agenda for changes in each geographic area. Again, we believe, following some strong lobbying that the move continues to be to more integration of certain services. We are monitoring this very closely with the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board of Directors of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick completed a two day Strategic Planning retreat at the Riverside Resort north of Fredericton. The Board completed a SWAT analysis and then developed a number of themes for the next three to five years. These include: communication, education, advocacy, membership, resources, succession planning, partnership, values/heritage and politics/government. A number of goals and objectives were established during the process. An outline of the plan was presented to the Board at their January meeting and reviewed at the

April meeting with further development at the June 2014 meeting. The new plan will be implemented in the Fall of 2014.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The new French language program 19 graduates complete the French program. The newly developed English language program has 20 students completing the program in late September. We have a number of students enrolled and waiting for enrolment in both the English and French programs for 2015-2016.

During the past year the education program name was changed to the Catholic Leadership Formation Program..

The Alumni of graduates has been formed and elected their executive. A series of meetings are being held in conjunction with the CHANB annual conference in Miramichi and the CHAO annual conference in Toronto.

The Catholic Health International *Centre For Excellence In Leadership* has began operations during the past year and is seeing a great deal of activity. The Centre is based on five pillars: Catholic Leadership, Values, Ethics, Spiritual & Religious Care/Pastoral Care, and Mission Development. Strategies are presently being developed by all of the Pillars.

During the summer we were again very fortunate to again be approved, in collaboration with Catholic Health International, for a university student through the Canada Summer Placement Program. The grants are usually for 12 weeks; however, we employ the student for most of the summer from May to September as a shared position with Catholic Health International. We have been very fortunate that have been able to obtain an exceptional student each year.

EDUCATION:

Six scholarships in honour of our founding congregations were awarded last Fall at our annual meeting. This year the Board of Directors again approved the renewal of the existing scholarships. We now have eight scholarships of \$500.00 in place, each renewable for a three year period.

As mentioned previously, the Education component of CHANB is an extremely important one because it is the education arm of Catholic Health International in the Atlantic Region.

RECOGNITION OF THE SISTERS WORK IN THE PROVINCE

No new developments regarding our request made some time ago to the provincial government for the project of constructing a monument recognizing the Sisters of the province in the areas of health, education and social services. The matter has been turned over to the Speaker of the House for action. The Minister of Social Development advised the Association that she liked the idea and would take it on as her project to see it completed. Additional contact has been made with her office. We are waiting for further word on this project.

SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE:

The provincial committee, funded by the provincial government, is working very well. This committee was established through initiatives of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick. Funding, following some lobbying, was restored to its original amount during the year after an announced reduction.

The Provincial Association has requested and received confirmation of a meeting with the Minister of Social Development to propose a provincial Spiritual and Religious Care committee for the Long Term Care sector similar to that for the hospitals. Initial discussions with the Minister were very positive, however, we are still awaiting further word.

A study/review of the needs of Spiritual and Religious Care in Catholic facilities throughout the Catholic Health International system is presently under way. It is expected that this study will be completed by the Fall of 2014.

A special thank you to the committees and volunteers who supported the work of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick over the past year. Your dedication and support is truly appreciated.

Paschal Chisholm,

Chair

Bob Stewart

Executive Director



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
TO THE
CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick, it is my pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to all participants, speakers and guests to this 27th annual meeting and conference of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick.

The theme of this year's conference "*Challenges of Senior Care*". This theme is in keeping with a trend in demographics which clearly indicate a greater senior population and thus a greater need for care for an aging population. Hopefully these two days will give all of us an opportunity to reflect on this increasingly important issue for our staff, patients and residents within this healing ministry of Jesus. These sessions will provide us with a forum where we can develop a greater understanding of what the Health Care requirements with such a great line up of speakers such as Sister Nuala Kenny, Suzanne Dupuis-blanchard and Dr. Pamela Jarrett . Hopefully we will have an opportunity to review practical examples of ethical issues as seen daily in our health care environment calling us to maintain the highest possible ethical standards treating people with respect, dignity and compassion.

This year's annual meeting and conference has been organized by the Education Committee of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick. We are extremely pleased to be partnered with Catholic facilities and the two Regional Health Authorities in presenting our highly successful annual conferences and this year will be no exception.

To the Management and Staff of the Rodd Miramichi Hotel we say thank you. To the Education Committee and the Planning Group for your dedication and assistance in planning and supporting our conference, our sincere thanks.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of CHANB, I wish you success in your deliberations, and a conference enriched by positive experiences and knowledge. Meeting working colleagues who share our values is always an encouragement to continue the healing ministry of the Church. At this time in our history, it is extremely important that we recognize and make every effort to enhance this important ministry.

Let's have an enriching and invigorating conference. Let's find opportunities to interact with our colleagues from across New Brunswick. Let's enjoy our time here in Miramichi.

Sincerely,

Paschal Chisholm,
President



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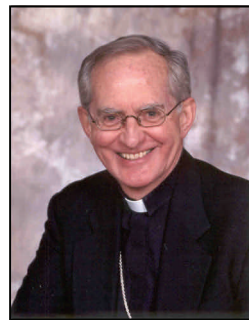
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