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Chair, Board of Directors
New Brunswick Health Council
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RE: NBHC 2023-2024 Mandate Letter

Chair:

In our roles, we are entrusted to provide the province with the absolute best service possible. It is a privilege that we each share, and it is at the core of what we do and why we are here.

This letter provides an updated overview of your responsibilities for the year ahead, and I look forward to all that we can accomplish together with our shared vision and purpose.

As a Crown body under the *Accountability and Continuous Improvement Act*, I expect that you and your board will apply sound governance principles guided by effective strategy that delivers on your mandate.

As government, we are dedicated to ensuring the needs of residents are put first. Guiding us in our work is a collective focus on our overall priorities, which include:

- an energized private sector;
- vibrant and sustainable communities;
- an affordable, responsive and high-performing government;
- dependable public healthcare;
- world-class education; and
- the environment.

It is government's expectation that the Council work through the Department of Aboriginal Affairs for advice and support on the Crown's Duty to Consult throughout all initiatives.



The New Brunswick Health Council is undergoing a significant change in its mandate as the Legislative Assembly approved *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Health Council Act* in December 2022. These amendments will change the New Brunswick Health Council to the New Brunswick Health and Senior Care Council and allow it to become the data hub for health and long-term care data in New Brunswick. This will facilitate evidence-based policy and decision-making.

Through your leadership as Chair, I expect the Board to deliver upon the priority areas outlined below:

Priority Areas	Expected Result / Outcome	Timeline
Provincial Health Plan: Accountability Process	Collaborate with health system partners identified by DH in the finalization of key performance indicators that will be used to hold the system accountable for its progress in meeting the provincial health plan's stated goals. The council will track the system's progress on the agreed upon performance indicators and communicate this to the public.	Report results on progress on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 30, 2023, • July 31, 2023, • October 31, 2023, and, • January 31, 2024.
Patient Voices Network	Continue to operate a Patient Voices Network to provide citizens with an opportunity to be engaged in matters that impact their health care. Please ensure the network reflects New Brunswick's diversity, and give consideration to language, age, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation when selecting participants. The topic of the second edition of the Patient Voices Network will be determined in consultation with the Departments of Health and Social Development.	First Edition Report will be released on or before September 2023.
Health and Senior Care Council	Establish the new Health and Senior Care Council according to the Legislation and Regulations and at the Department of Health's direction. Work in collaboration with Health and Social Development to determine an appropriate timeline.	September 1, 2023 Fall 2023

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2023-2024 Annual Plan	Complete an annual plan, ensuring it is fully compliant with the statutory requirements in the <i>Accountability and Continuous Improvement Act</i> , and submit for my approval and signature.	Submitted to me for my approval by March 31, 2023. Published on your website no later than June 30, 2023.
2022-2023 Annual Report	Complete an annual report, ensuring it is fully compliant with the statutory requirements in the <i>Accountability and Continuous Improvement Act</i> and include an update on the status of Auditor General recommendations provided to the Council in the past 5 years, and submit for my approval and signature.	Submitted to me for my approval no later than July 31, 2023. Filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly within 30 days of my signature.

I have every confidence that we have a team that is prepared to lead with fairness and focus and to make tough and balanced decisions to keep our province moving forward. It is an honour to serve the people of New Brunswick.