



Annual General Meeting – July 7, 2020 Report from the Governance Committee

The Governance Committee of Nova Scotia Health Authority helps the Board fulfill its responsibilities by ensuring the highest level of governance for NSHA. The committee makes recommendations and provides oversight in the areas of governance policy and procedures, membership, board effectiveness, leadership, and board education and development. The committee monitors best practices in health sector governance and recommends actions to the Board as appropriate.

Examples of the work of the Governance Committee during the year included:

- Continued to provide governance oversight to the implementation of open Board meetings
- Refined the Board's skills matrix to better identify experience, expertise and community perspectives required to enhance Board governance and performance
- Oversaw and provided input into Board recruitment activities and strategies or increasing diversity on the Board of Directors
- Developed a Governance Action Plan for key governance responsibilities such as new director onboarding and orientation, Board succession, Board and CEO relationship, Board materials and minutes
- Developed the annual Board work and education plan
- Oversaw the Board and committee evaluation process
- Monitored and reviewed governance best practices
- Developed role descriptions, governance policies and procedures to support the effective and efficient work of the Board of Directors
- Provided support and oversight to the Board in meeting governance standards for Accreditation Canada
- Reviewed committee structures and operations to support the Board's work

Committee Membership during 2019-20:

George Unsworth (Chair), David Graham, Jaime Smith, Frank van Schaayk, Board Chair (ex-officio, voting), Janet Knox/Dr. Brendan Carr, President & CEO (ex-officio, non-voting)

Respectfully submitted,

George Unsworth, Chair, Governance Committee