

# Board Highlights

Highlights from the regular meetings of Northwood's Board of Governors

May 2015

## Board Members:

Patrick Flinn, Chair  
Peter Wilde, Vice Chair  
Louise Cloutier  
Rhonda Church  
Doug Clarke  
Sandra Hennigar  
Susan Kirkland  
Sheldon Lipkus  
David Morrison  
David Perrier  
Michael Sherar

## Our Vision

*People living life to the fullest, flourishing in a community of belonging, dignity and choice.*

## Our Mission

*As a leader in continuing care, we build meaningful relationships with our clients everyday and make a positive difference in the communities we serve.*

## Our Core Values

*People Come First  
Everyone Plays a Part  
We Promote Social Justice  
We are All Accountable  
We can Always Do Better*

**A meeting of the Northwood Board of Governors was held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Penthouse, Edward L. Roach Centre for Living, Halifax.**

Mr. Flinn welcomed Jerome Grady to his first Board meeting. Dianne Swinamer was unable to attend the meeting due to a previous commitment.

## Board Learning and Development: Quarterly Quality Scorecard

Kathryn Graves, Northwood's Quality Specialist, presented the Corporate Scorecard and Quarterly Report (3rd quarter October to December 2014). The scorecard is a tool, to track progress towards strategic directions, inform advocacy efforts and highlight key issues.

## CEO Report

A status report provided to the Shoreham Village was reviewed by the Board. It shows that Northwood can provide outreach and support on a fee for service and in a different way.

## BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES

### Quality and Performance Committee

Northwood received Accreditation with Commendation status. One red flag regarding Client Safety has to be reviewed and completed within 5 months with an another update within 17 months. Five additional flags will require evidence of improvement.

### Executive Committee

The Annual General Meeting will be held Monday, June 22nd, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Penthouse. A Board Meeting is held following the AGM. An orientation program will be scheduled for new Members.

It was noted that we will have a number of new Members who will require appointment to a Committee and that some Committees will require additional membership effective September.

### H.R. Committee

The Board approved the appointment of Akbar Khan as Northwood's newest board member.

### Finance and Audit Committee

The Committee recommended, and the Board approved, the re-appointment of Deloitte as Northwood's auditors for the next five years.

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### **Foundation Board**

The Foundation Board has agreed to support a Community Garden project at Ivany Place. A Committee has been struck with the goal to have the garden ready for planting in Spring 2016. The Walk of Ages is set for Saturday, September 19th. The Appetite for Life event was a huge success.

### **Board Advocacy Agenda: Next Steps**

David Perrier reported that an Ad Hoc Advocacy Working Group was formed and consists of himself, Sandra Hennigar, Dianne Swinemar and Janet Simm. The Committee recommended, accepted by the Board, that it assume a formal advocacy role. The approach to advocacy would be directly linked to our strategic directions; would be consistent with branding; social justices; would be directly linked to our research agenda and would support us in forming **coalitions with other like** minded organizations that have the same vision for the future.

### **Corporate Membership**

The Board confirmed those Members who have renewed and are granted membership and identifying individuals and organizations who have applied for membership for the fiscal year starting April 1, 2015.