Good afternoon,

The Department of Health and Wellness informed us this morning, and have just publicly announced, that the boards of directors of the district health authorities are to be dissolved as of June 30, 2014. Effective July 1, George McLellan will assume the role of administrator for the DHAs. Mr. McLellan is the former CEO of Emergency Medical Care, which manages our EHS system, and a chief administration officer of Halifax Regional Municipality.

Part of the rationale for dissolving the boards at this time is due to the number of director vacancies and how this affects reaching quorum in meetings. The government wants to give the boards the remainder of June to conclude outstanding business, respecting that they have done great work over the years for this province. The move is part of the government’s work to move us to an integrated health care system provincially. The IWK Health Centre’s board will stay intact.

We have and have had the great privilege of working with talented and passionate board members at Capital Health. They have guided us through change, joined us in celebrating our successes, stood beside us in difficult times and supported our work to constantly improve the services we provide to the people who matter most – our patients and families. They have given of their time and expertise to build the strong foundation we now have to navigate this transition to one health care district. I have benefited professionally and personally from their insight and desire to positively influence the health outcomes of people in our district, across Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canada.

I would like to thank our present and past board members, and their supportive families, for allowing us the opportunity to learn, grow and excel in our work because of them.

More information is available on Capital Health’s DHA reorganization page: http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/about-us/district-health-authority-dha-reorganization as well as on the Department of Health and Wellness website http://novascotia.ca/dhw/PatientCentredHealthCare/

Take care,
Chris Power