

## From Rowena's desk - 22 May 2019

Thank you all for the warm welcome as I start in the CEO role. It was wonderful to meet so many of you at the Monday meeting. I look forward to eventually meeting all staff so please stop me in the corridor or pop in to my office if you'd like to chat.

Thank you to Shawn for all his work as CEO. Thanks also goes to the Executive and Leadership team for their support of Shawn and the substantial work that has happened over the last nine months.,

The next phase of review has now started and the Board Chair and I have started more detailed conversations with the Department of Health and Human Services about the role of BDHC in the provision of health care to our local community. I'll keep you posted with any major updates.

I'm going to pen these updates regularly - which will also be made public for the community - after all, we are in this together. Speaking of engaging with the community, if you know someone who hasn't had their flu shot yet, please remind them to book an appointment as soon as possible... as we know, the flu can be deadly and it's important we are all vaccinated.

Last but not least, happy National Volunteer Week! This week, we celebrate the hard-working volunteers at BDHC. Of course we appreciate them every week but if you see a volunteer around, be sure to pass on your thanks for their dedication to this healthcare service. They truly make a difference. We are always in need of more volunteers, so if you know anyone, please let Barbara know on Thursday.

Until next time,

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