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**April 13, 2023** – the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority (HRHSSA) would like to thank the physicians and nurse practitioners who have supported our community over the past few months. Their continued dedication and commitment to HRHSSA, and our community, has been very much appreciated.

As we move into the spring and summer months, our recruitment efforts continue to focus on coverage for July, August and into the fall. For the months of April, May and June, we have secured both physician and nurse practitioner services, and we do not anticipate further service closures at this time. As we see many of our physicians and nurse practitioners returning to our community over the next few months, please help us in welcoming them back.

I want to take a moment to extend a special thank you to our community, and our staff, as we navigate the complexities of a national workforce shortage. Our job is only made more rewarding by receiving the support and understanding we have from community members, clients and patients.

Over the winter months, HRHSSA successfully recruited a number of new staff resulting in program areas being fully staffed, for example – X-ray, Laboratory, Acute and Ambulatory Care, Emergency Services, Social Services, and Community Counselling Services.

Recognizing that we continue to compete nationally for many of our professionals, we are very pleased that people are choosing HRHSSA to either begin their careers or relocate and continue to work within their profession. We have been very fortunate to be able to recruit and retain an amazing workforce. As we continue to celebrate our teams, we will introduce them to the community over the next few months.

As we acknowledge our staffing successes, we must also recognize the continued recruitment efforts underway for other healthcare professionals, including Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Public Health nurses.

HRHSSA continues to work on alleviating health and social services staffing shortages and we are committed to open and transparent communications aimed at keeping clients and community stakeholders up-to-date and informed as the situation evolves.

Erin Griffiths  
Chief Executive Officer