

TRANSITION TEAM WEEKLY PROJECT UPDATE

Week of June 26, 2017

This weekly update will provide ongoing information related to the project work underway to transition the health system to a single provincial health authority. On occasion this update will include information about work tied to health system restructuring, but not directly related to transition team functions. A date for the creation of the new Saskatchewan Health Authority is still to be determined, but is currently anticipated for fall 2017.

GENERAL INFORMATION – PATIENT- AND FAMILY-CENTRED CARE:

The goal of Saskatchewan's health care system and the transition to the single Saskatchewan Health Authority is to ensure people have the best possible health and care experience. We put patients first by welcoming patients and families to participate in their care and into the design and planning of the care and services we provide.

The transition team has been working with the Patient- and Family-Centred Care (PFCC) Guiding Coalition to ensure Patient and Family Advisors (PFAs) are supporting transition planning. The Guiding Coalition has established two new working groups to support transition efforts:

- One working group has been identified to engage in specific transition team engagement opportunities (such as input into organizational design concepts, and feedback on upcoming communications materials like a new website).
 - This group is made of up six PFAs with broad representation, including a mix of men and women, cultural backgrounds, areas of the province (north/south, urban/rural), and types of care experience.
 - The group is supported by three PFCC staff leads.
- Another new working group will look at foundational elements to ensure Patient-and Family-Centred Care continues to be a focus for the new organization.
 - This includes considerations for a provincial database of PFAs, a provincial honorarium policy and a provincial framework to advance Patient-and Family-Centred Care.

At this time, engagement is focused on identifying and completing critical work that must be in place on day one of operations (largely administrative in nature).

- Many transformational initiatives will take time to fully implement (including system-wide improvements to clinical services).
- Further engagement of PFAs on transformational planning is anticipated to occur with the new Saskatchewan Health Authority after it launches.

MORE INFORMATION:

- As work progresses, the transition team is committed to keeping you informed with regular updates.
- Visit www.saskatchewan.ca/transforming-health.