

TRANSITION TEAM PROJECT UPDATE

Week of August 14, 2017

This 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.

ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY – INDIGENOUS HEALTH ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS:

Over the summer, the Indigenous Health Working Group is engaging Indigenous people, both rural and urban, to help inform the Saskatchewan Health Authority on how to best address the health needs of First Nations and Métis people in a culturally responsive and respectful manner, as recommended by the Advisory Panel on Health System Structure.

Engagement sessions are currently underway to gain feedback and input from First Nations and Métis people on Indigenous Health issues and opportunities.

- The most recent session was an Elders Forum held at Wanuskewin on August 2, where 24 First Nations and Métis Elders from across the province discussed Indigenous issues and opportunities.
- Northern engagement sessions took place in late June in the communities of La Loche, Buffalo Narrows, Ile a la Crosse, Beauval and Green Lake.
- To-date, there have been 19 information and engagement sessions with First Nations and Métis leadership, communities and health directors, including:
 - Prince Albert Grand Council
 - Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation
 - Touchwood Agency
 - File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council
 - Meadow Lake Tribal Council

The Indigenous Health Working Group will continue to organize engagement sessions into the fall months, with the goal to hear what is working well, what could be better and how health services for Indigenous people could be improved in the future.

- The Working Group will compile all of the feedback it receives and share it with the new Saskatchewan Health Authority for consideration.

MORE INFORMATION:

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