

TRANSITION TEAM PROJECT UPDATE

Week of August 28, 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 late fall 2017.

SCOTT LIVINGSTONE ANNOUNCED AS SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY CEO:

- On August 23, Minister of Health Jim Reiter and Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health Greg Ottenbreit announced Scott Livingstone as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the new Saskatchewan Health Authority.
- Also announced on August 23 was the appointment of Dr. Preston Smith, Dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, as a member of the Saskatchewan Health Authority Board of Directors.
- Visit www.saskatchewan.ca/transforming-health for full details.

Message from Scott Livingstone



Over the past several days, I have been overwhelmed and humbled by many messages of support. I know I am surrounded by leaders and employees across the health system with a passion for providing high quality care, and who are ready to make changes for the better.

At the same time, I also know uncertainty and anxiety exists, as the path ahead is not clear. It is my priority in the coming weeks to begin to provide answers to some of your key questions. I will be working with the advisory Board on the organizational structure, begin recruiting a senior leadership team, and finalizing the date that the 12 Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) will formally transition to one Saskatchewan Health Authority.

These high level decisions are just the tip of the iceberg, and there are many more details to work through to ensure a seamless transition. It's important to keep in mind that day one of operations is truly day one. It is not the end point. It is the beginning.

Transition planning is focused on critical administrative activities that must be in place – things like making sure employees get paid without any issues, and that everyone across the system knows what their responsibilities are and who they report to on day one. The work on transformation to a unified organization, for the benefit of people working in the system and those that use it, will be a multi-year process. Our goal is to better coordinate health care services across the province, and improve access to high quality, timely patient care for Saskatchewan people. We'll do that work together and in collaboration with our partners across the health system.

I want to close by taking this opportunity to personally thank the dedicated RHA CEOs across our province. Before my role as CEO of the Saskatchewan Health Authority officially begins on launch day, these talented leaders will guide the day to day operations of the RHAs and will continue to provide organizational updates. My focus in the near-term will be on building the organization, and I commit to providing updates and information as foundational decisions are made.

Scott Livingstone