

TRANSITION TEAM WEEKLY PROJECT UPDATE

Week of April 17, 2017

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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Medical Laboratory Working Group

A new working group of physicians and laboratory administrators has been established to support the transition team in considering the vision of clinical service delivery in the province. While major clinical health service redesign is not within the scope of transition work, this working group will engage with the health system and make recommendations for the new Provincial Health Authority to consider for implementation after it launches in fall 2017. The working group will:

- Engage with laboratory physicians and clinical leadership; physicians and health care providers; communities and patients, with particular attention to engaging First Nation and Métis communities; and educational institutions involved in laboratory medicine.
- Recommend options for a clinical governance model and service delivery plan that ensures continuity of services, and identifies opportunities and short-term priorities for the new Provincial Health Authority to consider.

The working group will support the Clinical Health Services work stream, and be jointly led by Dr. E. C. Alport, Department Head Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR), and Patrick O'Byrne, Executive Director Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory. Additional physician and laboratory administrator members include:

- Judy Archer, Director Laboratory Medicine, Saskatoon Health Region
- Laurie Beitel, Director Laboratory Medicine, RQHR
- Dr. Phillip Fourie, Vice President Medical Services, Sunrise Health Region
- Dr. Fergall Magee, Joint Head, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Saskatoon Health Region – College of Medicine
- Lawrence Martens, Regional Director Laboratory Services, Sun Country Health Region
- Tammy Mason, Director Laboratory Services, Cypress Health Region
- Dr. Jessica Minion, Medical Microbiologist – Head of Infection Control, RQHR
- Rachelle O'Keefe, Regional Laboratory Director, Prairie North Health Region
- Dr. M Omar Shokeir, Pathologist, Prairie North Health Region

ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY:

- Transition team physician leads Dr. Bruce Murray and Dr. Kevin Wasko conducted several engagement sessions over the past week with the College of Medicine, Saskatchewan Medical Association and College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, and will provide an update to Senior Medical Officers this week.

MORE INFORMATION:

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