

TRANSITION TEAM WEEKLY PROJECT UPDATE

Week of May 1, 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:

- It's been three months since the transition team was formed, and much foundational work has been accomplished in that time:
 - A project charter and terms of reference have been developed to guide transition planning.
 - The scope of work to facilitate the creation of the new Provincial Health Authority has been determined as “must do” work that must be in place on day one of operations (largely administrative in nature). Planning is also underway for transformational system-wide improvements, such as clinical services re-design, that will take longer to implement after the new PHA is launched.
 - Legislation has been introduced to enable the transition of the existing 12 Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) to a single PHA.
 - Work streams have been established, with engagement occurring across the system to plan for “must do” work to ensure the transition occurs as smoothly as possible. Two physicians have joined the team in co-leadership roles, and a lead for Indigenous Health has been established.

ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY:

- Now that a strong foundation for transition planning is in place, in-depth planning on organizational structure will occur in coming months. This will take time, as the transition team plans to continue engagement with the health system. The goal is to ensure a structure is built that is evidence-based and built from frontline delivery up, with the patient always the focus.
 - Design principles are being finalized that will guide recommendations for the organizational design of the PHA.
 - Following early consultation with RHA CEOs and health system partners in January and February, a primary health care planning session was held on April 26 and 27 in Regina.
 - Participants included physicians from across the province, and representatives from Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR), Ministry of Health and transition team.
 - RQHR outlined how its primary health care networks operate, and discussion occurred around how these networks could be aligned and connected in a PHA.
 - Further engagement with the health system will occur regarding primary health care and organizational design.

MORE INFORMATION:

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