

TRANSITION TEAM PROJECT UPDATE

Week of July 3, 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.

TRANSITION PLANNING – STATUS UPDATE:

As we transition from 12 Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) to the new single Saskatchewan Health Authority, the transition team knows there are many questions about the future that are still unanswered – most notably, what will the organizational structure look like and when will the first day of operations be?

- We know that change and uncertainty can be difficult, but we also know that we must take the time to do this right.
- Experience in other jurisdictions supports a thoughtful planning approach to the transition process that should not be rushed.

Transition planning will continue over the summer, with a goal to announce the organizational structure and timeline for transition in the fall.

While it may seem like a simple task to draw a structure from the top down and set a date for the transition to occur, the result would not be based on evidence, the needs of patients or feedback from health providers.

- The transition team has been holding a series of consultation and planning sessions to identify concepts for organizational design, including a design event held June 19-23 to consider options for how the Saskatchewan Health Authority could be organized.
- The outputs from this design event will be one of many inputs into organizational design discussions that will occur in coming weeks.
- The transition team will continue to engage with people from across the health system to ensure the new organization is built from frontline delivery up, with the patient always the focus.
- We must also allow time for the newly appointed advisory Board of Directors to recruit a new CEO, and for these senior leaders to provide input into critical transition decisions.

We remain committed to keeping you updated on transition planning, and will communicate structure and timeline decisions as they are determined in the fall.

SUMMER UPDATE SCHEDULE:

- Our update schedule will move to transition updates every two weeks for the month of July and August, and return to weekly updates in September.

MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit www.saskatchewan.ca/transforming-health.