

## **HQC Board of Directors Meeting: November 30 – December 2, 2015**

### **Saskatchewan Centre for Patient Oriented Research**

We spent time with Dr. Preston Smith, Dean of the College of Medicine, discussing the new Saskatchewan Centre for Patient Oriented Research (SCPOR). A strong, positive working relationship between HQC and the College of Medicine is critical to the success of this exciting new work. As part of this discussion, we talked about the importance of interdisciplinary education for health sciences students, and potential alignment with education/training for other professionals working in the health care system.

### **Continuous Improvement in Health Care**

The board was encouraged to hear from HQC leadership and staff that the health system continues to grow and mature in its use of Lean as the province's common approach to continuous improvement. We recognize that change on this scale is hard work, but there are positive signs that we are moving beyond use of the tools to real change in the behaviour of health system leaders.

### **HQC Strategic Plan**

We made good progress on the development of our new strategic plan. Our discussion took into account the rapidly changing environment in the province's health care system, as it relates to where our organization can bring most value. The Board provided the CEO and Deputy CEO with clear direction on how to further strengthen this important document.

### **Saskatchewan Change Day 2015**

Tanya Verrall presented to the board on the 2015 Change Day campaign, including options for a 2016 campaign. Board members favour an abbreviated campaign (i.e., 30 days) that leads into the Quality Summit conference, increased emphasis on building capability in participating health organizations, and a focus on pledges that relate to improving quality of care for patients.

### **Financial / Budget**

We received the Corporate Services report and approved the financial statements for the period ended October 31, 2015.