



HQC Board of Directors Meeting: September 12-14, 2016

The Meadows (Swift Current)

The Board appreciated the opportunity to visit Cypress Health Region and tour their innovative new long-term care facility, The Meadows. The facility is the product of P3 funding, and was designed using 3P methodology. The region's commitment to doing what's best for residents is evident throughout the facility's various features.

HQC Strategic Plan

Board members reviewed a final formatted version of the organization's new strategic plan. The Board asked staff to release the document publicly in September.

Communications Plan

The Board endorsed a new multi-faceted strategy for increasing awareness and understanding of HQC's unique role and contributions in Saskatchewan's health care system. Board members encouraged staff to take advantage of existing communications channels to keep patient and family advisors abreast of quality improvement and the work of the Council.

RHA Review Panel

Board members considered input from HQC staff as part of a lengthy discussion about its verbal and written submissions to the Advisory Panel. There was considerable alignment between ideas put forward by staff and the sentiments of the Board, especially around the need for the health system to "stay the course" on its improvement journey, and the role for HQC in helping maintaining a sharp focus on quality and safety. Board Chair Dr. Susan Shaw and CEO Gary Teare will meet with the Panel September 15, and then forward a written submission on behalf of HQC by the September 26 deadline.

Quality Summit 2017

The Board endorsed staff's recommendation to host a one-day conference in May 2017. Board members feel the proposed approach strikes the appropriate balance between controlling costs and still achieving aims set for the Summit – including bringing people together, and fostering the sharing of ideas across organizations.

Stakeholder Relations

Max Hendricks, Deputy Minister of Health met with the Board via conference call. As part of the conversation, the Deputy Minister expressed strong support for the work of the Council and the direction and priorities outlined in its soon-to-be-released new strategic plan.

Financial / Budget

HQC's Board approved the latest corporate services report, including the unaudited financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2016.