

## AIMS update

Earlier this summer, the health system announced a new integrated administrative information management system will be implemented throughout the health sector (beginning October 2018). To complete this work, we need the skills and talents of many individuals from across the system.

In late July, the project team – composed of leaders and stakeholders from every partner organization – began recruiting for a number of vacant roles on the project. These roles were posted online as expressions of interest. Approximately 40 vacancies were advertised to health system employees of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, Saskatchewan Health Authority, eHealth, SAHO, 3sHealth, and affiliate organizations.

The project team had received hundreds of submissions from prospective candidates. **Today, we are pleased to announce that after careful consideration, the composition of the implementation team has, for the most part, been determined.** Everyone who submitted an application has, or will soon be, notified of their status in the competition.

This is an exciting time in the project. Having the right team in place means we can really get started on all of the important work that lay ahead. Many activities (including data gathering, office site selection, and value stream mapping exercises) are currently underway or are in the planning stages. Of course, these are early days in the life of this vital health system initiative and the work is expected to rapidly evolve in the coming weeks and months.

While we could not recruit everyone who applied, individuals who wish to contribute to this initiative will have plenty of opportunities to do so by taking part in workshops, design sessions, and more. As the project unfolds, more opportunities to participate in a formal capacity will emerge. Those roles will be posted online as expressions of interest and widely communicated to health system employees.

One new administrative information management system will replace 82 existing, non-integrated systems and allow us to better manage our financial, capital, and human resources. This new system will benefit all health system organizations.

The new integrated system will help the sector deliver the right resources to the right place at the right time, supporting seamless and more integrated care to our patients in the process. Health employees will also benefit from more accurate and timely support services that are coordinated province-wide.

Implementing the system across numerous organizations will take time and considerable effort on the part of many individuals across the province. And with a great core team now in place, we will no doubt succeed in this endeavour.

On behalf of the project steering committee, thank you to everyone who demonstrated interest in this project. I would also like to recognize all those who have been involved with this initiative from the very beginning for all of your contributions and getting us to this next critical phase of the project. We could not do any of this work without you.

Thank you,

Kendell Arndt, project sponsor