

CEO

Dr. Chris Eagle - Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Eagle is President and Chief Executive Officer for Alberta Health Services. Dr. Eagle is a Professor at both the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary, and holds an adjunct appointment at the University of Victoria.

Dr. Eagle has had a long career in healthcare administration. He has served as Executive VP and Chief Clinical Officer, VP and CIO of the Calgary Health Region, Associate Chief Medical Officer, Executive Director of the Foothills Hospital (Calgary), and Head of the Department of Anesthesia.

Dr. Eagle has served as a board member on a number of health organizations. He was on the inaugural board for the Health Quality Council of Alberta and currently serves on the Board of the Canadian Institute of Health Information.

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CO-CHAIR(S)

Dr. David Megran - Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer

Dr. David Megran is Alberta Health Services' Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, working to establish and strengthen the new "dyad" model of shared leadership and decision-making.

Prior to joining Alberta Health Services, Dr. Megran was the chair of the Medical Advisory Board in Calgary prior to being appointed as the Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of the Calgary Health Region in January 2005. His extensive prior experience encompasses not only medical affairs but also quality and safety, and clinical operations leadership.

Dr. Megran received his MDCM from McGill and pursued Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases training in Toronto and Vancouver, respectively.

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Jeanette Deere - Pediatric Physiotherapist

Jeanette Deere has a BSc in Physical Therapy from Queen's University, and has 15 years of clinical experience in both adult and pediatric care. She is presently working as a Team leader within the Child Development Program at the Alberta Children's Hospital. Jeanette is a leader and a mentor in terms of clinical skills, family centered care and trans-disciplinary service delivery. Jeanette views her participation on the Alberta Clinician Council as an opportunity to improve the engagement of clinicians and actively collaborate and develop methods to best represent the priorities of clinicians. She sees the Alberta Clinician Council as a unique forum that facilitates interaction between clinicians and management.

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COORDINATING TEAM

Gwen Evans - LPN

Gwen Evans graduated from Lakeland College in Lloydminster in 2001. She started her first position as an LPN shortly after graduating in the community of Provost, Alberta. During her nursing career she has worked with long term care and acute care patients. These days Gwen works with Alberta Health Services in Cold Lake, Alberta, as a Clinical Lead within the Clinical Education Team. An important role she promotes is advocating for LPN's skill and scope. As a member of the Alberta Clinician Council, Gwen hopes to continue to advocate for LPN scope by having input into future decision making that will affect all clinicians.

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Leslie Gareau - Clinical Dietitian

Leslie Gareau is a Clinical Dietitian with a Bachelor of Home Economics in Human Nutrition and Dietetics from the University of British Columbia. She has over 20 years of experience within clinical nutrition, community nutrition and primary health care, including development and implementation of new delivery care models for patients with diabetes and hypertension. Currently, Leslie works in the Living Well with a Chronic Condition Program at the South Calgary Health Centre. She views her membership in the Alberta Clinician Council as a unique opportunity to work closely with other health care leaders on issues and initiatives that will provide best health care delivery and patient outcomes to all Albertans.

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Heather Halladay - Obstetrical Educator, Operating Room Nurse

Heather Halladay is a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Alberta. After nursing in Edmonton, she moved to High Level in 2005, and began working in the small rural hospital there in Labour and Delivery, Emergency, Medicine/Surgery and the Operating Room. Heather is an Obstetrical Educator, while continuing to work in the O.R. She is currently completing an Advanced Critical Care certification in Emergency Nursing. Heather jumped at the opportunity to serve on the Alberta Clinician Council as a frontline worker committed to excellence, collaboration, and being a part of positive change both in her facility and province-wide.

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Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc - QI Lead and Clinical Informatics Lead, Medicine, Calgary Zone

Dr. Holroyd-Leduc is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary. She received her medical degree from the University of Toronto. She completed residency training (Internal Medicine and Geriatrics) at the University of Toronto, before completing a research fellowship (Geriatrics and Quality Improvement) at the San Francisco VA and UCSF. Her research interests include knowledge translation, clinical decision support and quality improvement. She is the QI Lead and Clinical Informatics Physician representative for the Department of Medicine in Calgary. Jayna sees her participation on the Alberta Clinician Council as an opportunity to help improve the healthcare provided to Albertans.

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Linda Iwasiw - Vice President, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital

Linda Iwasiw received her clinical education through Foothills Hospital School of Nursing and Faculty of General Science/Nursing, University of Calgary. She has a Master of Science Degree in Health Administration from the University of Colorado (Denver). Linda has extensive health care and management experience in operations and program planning. She is the former Senior Vice President with Palliser Health Region – Health Services with responsibility for providing leadership to acute care, continuing care, mental health, clinical support services and allied health services. She has been involved in health services strategic planning and clinical practice planning. As a leader, Linda serves with dedication and passion and inspires those around her to practice service excellence. Linda sees the Alberta Clinician Council as an opportunity to further influence quality and safety.

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Marcie Smigorowsky - Nurse Practitioner, Cardiac EASE, Cardiac Arrhythmia Clinic, Cardiology

Marcie Smigorowsky has a MN and is currently working on a PhD in Nursing at the University of Alberta. She has worked in Cardiology in a variety of roles and areas since 1986. Currently she is a Nurse Practitioner in the Cardiac EASE and Cardiac Arrhythmia Clinics at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute. She has also assisted with the Digital Cardiac Exam Project where initial cardiac consults are assessed in their own health zone, utilizing Telehealth and a Digital Stethoscope. Marcie sees participating in the Alberta Clinician Council as a way to assist and work with various clinicians and AHS management who are interested in improving the quality of health care delivery.

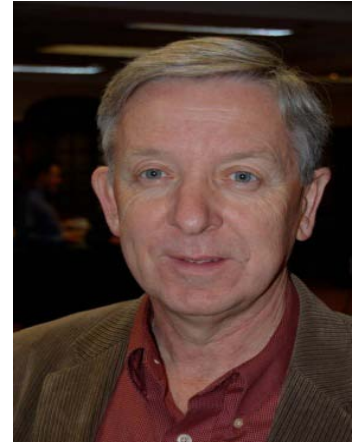
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Dr. Clayne Steed - Family Physician

Clayne Steed has been in rural family practice for over thirty years. While his practice is rural his involvement has given him an understanding of regional and urban issues as well. He has been part of many of the changes seen in health delivery having been involved with professional, regional, and government organizations and committees. Dr. Steed sees the Alberta Clinician Council as an ideal forum for ongoing constructive change using the abilities and experience of a spectrum of health professionals.

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CLINICIAN MEMBERS

Shayne Berndt - Senior Occupational Therapist

Shayne Berndt has a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Alberta and has worked in Lac La Biche, Calgary and Medicine Hat. She has worked in acute care, community rehab, homecare, outpatients, inpatient rehab and pediatrics. Shayne prides herself on her wide array of OT skill sets as well as her ability to lead a team and make change happen. The opportunity to participate on the Alberta Clinician Council is an exciting endeavor for her as it has the potential to impact the quality, safety and access to health services within AHS from a grassroots level.

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Dr. Peter Brindley – Critical Care Physician

Peter Brindley proudly describes himself, first and foremost, as a full-time Critical Care Physician. He works at the University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton. His clinical duties involve care of the critically-ill in both General Systems Intensive Care Unit and Neuro Sciences Intensive Care Unit. Academically, Peter is an Associate Professor with the University of Alberta. His interests and publications include cardiopulmonary resuscitation, simulation, crisis management, and human factors during acute care. Peter is a founding member of the Canadian Resuscitation Institute and its current vice-chair. He is former Medical Lead for Simulation for Alberta Health Services. Peter is also a prior Residency Program Director and a prior advisor to the Canadian Patient Safety Institute. He now advises the Canadian Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and Canadian Blood Services on simulation education. He is also the Education lead for his University's School of Surgery; Anesthesiology; Critical Care Medicine and Transplant Medicine. Peter's greatest achievement remains two gorgeous little kids, in whom he delights.

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Dr. Cynthia Brocklebank – Pharmacist, Chronic Disease Management

Cyndy has worked within Alberta hospital pharmacy practice since 1990. She has worked in several settings including: inpatient pharmacy, rural hospitals, pharmacy research and ambulatory anticoagulation clinics. Since September 2010 she has been working with the Calgary Zone Chronic Disease Management program based out of the Airdrie Highland Primary Care Network.

Cyndy's interests include diabetes, obesity management, thrombosis/anticoagulation, pharmacy education and supporting clinicians in working to full scope of practice. She has additional prescribing authority and is certified to administer injections.

She sees the Alberta Clinician Council as an opportunity to contribute to the development of a safe, effective, quality health care environment for patients and care providers.

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Darrell Dalby - Social Worker

Darrell Dalby has a Bachelor in Social Work from the University of Calgary as well as a Diploma in Social Work from Grant McEwan College. He has worked in multiple health care facilities including the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Capital Care Norwood (Initial Social Worker on the Brain Injury Unit), and for the past 5 years at Alberta Hospital Edmonton. Since graduating from the U of C in 2004, Darrell's focus of Social Work has been in the area of Mental Health. By being a member of the Alberta Clinician Council it is Darrell's objective to network with other clinicians in the Alberta Health Services but primarily to bring representation to those individuals in the health system that suffer from a mental illness and provide a voice on their behalf in order to improve their quality of life.

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Jason Daoust - Physical Therapist

Jason Daoust has a Master's in Physical Therapy from the University of Alberta and a Bachelor's in Exercise & Health Physiology from the University of Calgary. Jason's career includes work as a Kinesiologist, Personal Trainer, and Physical Therapist in private practice, and most recently, the sole charge Physical Therapist in Smoky Lake. At the Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre, Jason provides assessment and treatment to a full spectrum of outpatients and acute inpatients. Jason also provides care to long term care residents in Smoky Lake and Radway. As a member of the Alberta Clinician Council, Jason is motivated to represent his profession and the unique needs of the rural population he serves.

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Dr. Jonathan Davidow - Physician

Dr. Jonathan Davidow received his MDCM from McGill University and went on to pursue residency training in Emergency Medicine and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Alberta. He is currently working in the Emergency Department at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and the Northeast Community Health Center in Edmonton. He also works at the Royal Alexandra Hospital ICU, where he is the Associate Director, Quality. He has a specific interest in patient safety and hopes to learn from and help the ACC improve the quality of clinical service in the province.

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Jennifer Dellezay - Interim Professional Practice Lead Adult Occupational Therapy, Rehab Manager

Jennifer Dellezay has a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of West Virginia and brings experience from the United States health care system to rural Alberta. Over the last nine years Jennifer has worked across all adult service streams in the former East Central Health. She has taken a lead in the areas of dysphasia, foot assessment and seating. She brings the unique ability to work as a manager and a respected leader in occupational therapy in rural Alberta. She hopes to work as a team with the other Alberta Clinician Council members to come up with unique strategies to deliver quality and sustainable service.

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Laura Devereaux – Registered Social Worker

Laura Devereaux holds a Master of Social Work Degree and has training as a Clinical Traumatologist. She has over 15 years of diverse experience in the health care environment including Nephrology, Palliative Care, Trauma, Pediatrics and Mental Health. Currently, she is the Social Worker for the Urgent Care team at Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre. Laura has extensive experience working with disenfranchised and vulnerable populations. She has a long history of government advocacy, and she is particularly interested in the psychological impact of chronic trauma. Laura views the Alberta Clinician Council as an opportunity to champion best practice standards through engaging in a process where change is made in manner that both understands and respects each disciplines strengths and needs.

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Oceanna Hall – Spiritual Care Provider

Oceanna has a B.Sc., M.Div., M.Ed. and is a CPE Specialist. She is a member of the Psychosocial and Spiritual Resource Department at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton. As a Spiritual Care & Counseling Provider, Oceanna assists patients and their families explore the beliefs, values and practices that give meaning to their lives. Participation on the Alberta Clinician Council allows Oceanna the opportunity to engage with other Provincial healthcare professionals in the development of policies to provide the best healthcare to all Albertans.

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Dr. Veronica Horn – Registered Psychologist

Veronica has a PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Calgary and has been a psychologist since 1999. She has worked primarily in rural settings including in the Northwest Territories as well as small towns in Central Alberta. She has been a clinical manager in Mental Health and has returned to front-line work in the Shared Mental Health Care program in the South Zone, working in medical clinics in and around Lethbridge with physicians and their patients. She has been a member of the ACC since its inception, serving as the first clinician co-Chair. The ACC has allowed her to participate in policy development, share with and learn from colleagues across the province, and challenge her fear of public speaking!

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Dr. Jonathan Howlett - Physician

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Kevin Huntley - Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Kevin Huntley has a Master's of Nursing degree and post-Master's Acute Care Nurse Practitioner diploma from the University of Calgary. He has a background in Emergency Nursing and Cardiology and currently works as the pulmonary medicine Nurse Practitioner at Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary. Kevin is provincial councilor on the board of the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta. He has a strong interest in quality improvement/assurance, patient safety and health policy. He is participating in Alberta Clinician Council to help shape the future of health care in Alberta and learn from his colleagues on the Alberta Clinician Council.

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Dr. Kym Jim - Physician

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Elizabeth Kelly - Registered Speech-Language Pathologist

Elizabeth Kelly has a Master of Speech-Language Pathology, University of Alberta and has worked with pre-school and school-aged children in a variety of contexts. Elizabeth currently coordinates the School-Aged Neurodevelopmental Assessment Clinic at the Glenrose. She likes to be aware of the "big picture" and has served on the Council of the Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists and the national Steering Committee for the development of competency profiles for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists. Elizabeth views her participation on the Alberta Clinician Council as an opportunity to positively influence policy development, stay in touch with provincial health initiatives, and be an active part of the change happening within Alberta Health Services.

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Crystal Klassen - Speech Language Pathologist

Crystal Klassen has an MA in Communication Disorders from Missouri State University. She has over 15 years experience in both pediatrics and adult services. Past experience includes positions in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Texas. She likes involvement in projects that impact professional growth and the clients she serves. She currently works in Camrose in Allied Health Services for Children. In addition to her front line work with the Pediatric Specialty Team, she is also the Professional Practice Lead –SLP Pediatrics and Student Placement Lead for SLP, PT and OT placements. She is excited to be a member of the Alberta Clinician’s Council as it is a wonderful forum for the exchange of information and new ideas.

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Kelly Lehmann - Registered Nurse

Kelly Lehmann currently serves as a Cardiac Patient Navigator working out of the Cardiology Department of the Red Deer Hospital. She is one of three nurses who working out of the Red Deer site and is passionate about her navigational role that helps triage patients to access services for urgent cardiac referrals regardless of where they live and what unique barriers might stand in their way. Communicating with rural communities to larger centers has enabled her to network effectively to meet the needs of these patients while getting to know the many health care professionals along the way that make up this great provincial team. Kelly graduated from the Red Deer College Nursing program in 1989 and spent 18 years working primarily in critical care prior to coming to her role in Cardiology in 2008. In addition to working as a nurse navigator, Kelly serves as a Clinical Research Coordinator for cardiac research projects with Internal Medicine. Kelly is excited to have the opportunity to participate on the Alberta Clinician Council to further build relationships across the province, and be able to provide input that will help strengthen and streamline the process for patients obtaining responsive and timely healthcare.

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Kari McKnight - Clinical Dietician

Kari McKnight has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition and Food Science and completed her dietetic internship within Capital Health in Edmonton. She has worked in a variety of areas, including clinical and community nutrition, as well as private practice. She currently holds a position at the Royal Alexandra Hospital working in nephrology and dialysis. She sees her participation within the Alberta Clinician Council as a great opportunity to share her clinical expertise in a broad interdisciplinary forum and work alongside fellow clinicians with similar goals and aspirations for AHS. She feels her role on the Alberta Clinician Council is an exciting chance to bridge AHS strategic directions with clinical services.

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Karen Melon - Registered Nurse

Karen Melon has worked in critical care and emergency in Calgary since 1981. She has completed her Masters in Nursing at University of Calgary and is certified in Emergency Nursing through the Canadian Nurses Association. Her thesis, an Institutional Ethnographic study on nurses' triage work has been nominated for a Governor Generals award. She is a staunch advocate for supporting nursing practice and has been involved in clinical education and research, College and Association of Registered Nurses, UNA professional responsibility committee and the provincial and national Emergency Nurses Affiliation [ENIG & NENA]. Karen views her participation on the Alberta Clinician Council as an opportunity to advocate for quality, patient focused, holistic health care delivery with a strong nursing framework, to facilitate an avenue to communicate the concerns and issues of front line care providers, and to participate in developing a cohesive, responsive, collegial network within the health care system.

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Albert Orban - Physiotherapist

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Dr. Andy Pattullo - Consultant in Infectious Diseases, Senior Medical Director Informatics

Dr. Pattullo has a BSc Animal Biology from the U of C; graduating from the Faculty of Medicine at the U Of A, followed by an Internship and Internal Medicine Residency St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, and several fellowships in Infectious Diseases, as well as Consulting in Infectious Diseases for Hospitals across Canada and the World. Currently, Dr. Pattullo is a consultant in Infectious Diseases at Rockyview General Hospital; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, U of C; Senior Medical Director Informatics, Alberta Health Services. He is very interested in quality and process improvement in health care particularly, reducing health interventions to only those that can be shown to benefit patient health.

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Dr. Colin Peterson - Emergency Physician

Dr. Colin Peterson received his MD from the University of Saskatchewan and completed training in family medicine as well as emergency medicine. His clinical experience spans from northern nursing stations to rural and small urban Saskatchewan and currently practices full time emergency medicine in Edmonton at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Colin focuses his non clinical time in process improvement in his own department and has gathered knowledge in clinician engagement with his role in organ and tissue donation. He looks forward to working with his colleagues on the Council to achieve novel multidisciplinary policy and effective implementation strategies.

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Patricia Phillips - Registered Nurse

Patricia Phillips nursed in a Rural acute care hospital, and then became a charge nurse in Long Term Care where she is involved in decisions affecting staffing, residents health and welfare, as well as family issues. She has also begun to work in Home Care. Her main focus is Seniors Health and continues to take courses to upgrade her knowledge. Pat applied to become a member of the Alberta Clinician Council to be part of the solution, making positive changes to healthcare and patient safety while maintaining the core values of publicly funded healthcare.

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Linda Read Paul - Clinical Nurse Specialist, Palliative Care Rural South/Central, Calgary Zone

Linda Read Paul is a Clinical Nurse Specialist, Palliative Care, in the rural area of AHS – Calgary Zone. Linda earned her BSN degree from UBC and her MN degree from the University of Alberta. She has held positions as clinician, educator, and researcher; has provided leadership in many educational and clinical policy initiatives; and has special interests in hope and ethics. Linda hopes that membership on the Alberta Clinician Council will enable her to collaborate with interdisciplinary colleagues to improve health care delivery in Alberta. She also hopes to bring a palliative/end of life care perspective to the work of the Council.

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Carol Renfree - Pharmacist

Carol received her degree in Pharmacy from the University of Alberta in 1990 and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Washington in 2007. Carol currently works in the ICU at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie and with the provincial pharmacy clinical practice leaders team. Carol hopes her involvement on the Alberta Clinician Council will influence and advance clinical practice across a broad spectrum of healthcare settings.

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Stephanie Sanders - Registered Nurse

Stephanie Sanders has a Bachelor's of Nursing Science from Queen's University. She has worked exclusively in Pediatrics throughout her nursing career – primarily in Intensive Care, but has recently followed her long standing passion for providing quality Palliative Care for children and their families by accepting a position at the Rotary/Flames House in Calgary. Stephanie joined the Alberta Clinician Council in hopes of raising awareness, recognition and support for Pediatrics as a complex specialty area. Stephanie also hopes to support collaboration among pediatric experts in the province in an effort to make efficient use of resources and standardize high quality Pediatric care across the province.

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John Serkiz – Speech Language Pathologist

John Serkiz has a Masters Degree from the State University of New York/Fredonia (1987). He is a rural based therapist currently working in the North Zone. He has also worked in the Central Zone as an Area Lead prior to returning to frontline work with families in the St. Paul area. John currently provides services to preschool, school age, and adult clients. Previous experience has included work within the Ministry of Health in New Brunswick as a Healthcare Consultant and representing New Brunswick as a member and Chair of the Devices and Systems Advisory Committee for the Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology. Multidisciplinary opportunities and creative service delivery in meeting client needs is what draws John to the exciting opportunity to be part of a dynamic group such as the ACC.

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Kristine L. Smith – Registered Nurse

Kristine Smith graduated from the U of A School of Nursing diploma program in 1994 and recently earned her post RN BScN with Distinction at the University of Alberta. Kristine currently works in acute care/emergency in the small rural, east central Alberta community of Coronation. Her past nursing experience includes senior's health, community care, clinical education, and urban emergency nursing. Kristine is an advocate for patient safety and quality improvement and brings a strong rural perspective. She is involved in local quality improvement initiatives and with the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta. Kristine looks forward to participating in the Alberta Clinician Council and sees it as an opportunity to network with, and learn from other health care providers, share experience and expertise, and to be involved in influencing positive change in AHS.

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Dr. Timothy Tang – Physician

Dr. Timothy Tang is a physician in the Department of Anesthesia in Calgary. He was born and raised in Hong Kong. Following high school, he came to Vancouver to attend university and graduated with a MD degree from UBC. His initial post-graduate training was 2 years of Family Practice Residency at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton followed by 6 months of Anesthesia training/CCFP certification. He practiced as a FP-anesthetist in Brooks for 10 years (chief of medical staff 1984-1986). He returned to residency training in Anesthesia in Calgary in 1987 and received his FRCPC in 1991. He spent 6 months in Ottawa as a fellow in Cardiac Anesthesia in 1991 and did additional training in echocardiography in Calgary. He has been practicing anesthesia at Foothills Medical Center in Calgary since 1991, was director of Family Practice Anesthesia training between 1995 and 2003 and divisional chief of anesthesia from 1999 to 2005. From 2006 to 2009 he was the Quality Improvement Physician for the Department of Anesthesia. He is married with 2 grown children and enjoys hiking, golfing, photography and classical music.

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Brenda Wright – Registered Nurse

Brenda Wright has worked in Rural Acute Care since 1974, first as a front-line staff nurse, then as Clinical Care Coordinator for Acute Care, and for the past 17 years as Site Manager for the Raymond Health Centre. She is a dedicated advocate for patients and staff, working to enhance their quality of life. Brenda is passionate about rural nursing and is very focused on providing opportunities for her staff to access continuing education/professional development that enable them to stay abreast of current best practice in various clinical situations they deal with on a day to day basis. Brenda is very excited to be participating on a provincial committee tasked with standardizing the orientation process for rural nurses and sees this as a positive step in recognizing the contribution of rural nurses to health and wellness. Brenda is also an EMT-A. She has been part of her communities EMS team the past 12 years. Brenda is looking forward to furthering her knowledge and understanding of health care delivery across the province through involvement with the ACC and is excited to gain, as well as share, resources and insights among this group.

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Melody Yaceyko - Registered Nurse

Melody is a nurse consultant in Senior's Integrated Home Living in the Edmonton Zone. She is based at the Misericordia Hospital however her area covers South West, Leduc, Thorsby and Devon Home Care.

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SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERS

Lori Anderson - Vice President, Calgary Zone

Lori Anderson has over 25 years of experience in health care in Alberta. Lori served as the Executive Director of Primary Care and Primary Care Networks and as the Executive Director of Rural Health for the Calgary Health Region. As Vice President, Calgary Zone, Lori is responsible for providing leadership and operational oversight for community and rural programs, services, and sites within the Calgary Zone. This includes Seniors' Health, rural acute care hospitals, community health centres, Urgent Care, Public Health Nursing, Primary Care, Chronic Disease Management, and Addiction and Mental Health. She looks to the Council as an opportunity to determine new opportunities for a stronger emphasis on community based programs and primary care.

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Belinda Boleantu - Vice President Clinical Transformation Services Information Technology

As the Alberta Health Services' Vice President of Clinical Transformation Services, Belinda Boleantu leads the Province's transformation activities to an automated person-centric health record (e_record) evolution, a role that demands vision, innovation and change management expertise. She led the former Calgary Health Region's clinical information system implementation, transforming a classic paper-based hospital environment towards a modern, technology enhanced environment. She hopes the council will highlight opportunities to ensure coordination in system planning, development and implementation between the Clinical Systems and the Information Technology, leading to programs that optimize best practices of patient care.

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Mauro Chies - Vice President, Diagnostic Imaging Services

Mauro Chies has an MBA through the Athabasca University and has over 20 years experience in healthcare. Mauro originally entered the healthcare field in Laboratory Medicine and later went on to complete additional training in radiology. His experience has evolved in administration for various departments including Laboratory Medicine, Equipment Planning, and Diagnostic Imaging. He looks to the Alberta Clinician council as an opportunity to engage physicians on a provincial scale to improve process and seek broader input on a variety of opportunities and challenges. In addition, he hopes it will provide a network for developing practice and ordering standards for exams in Diagnostic Imaging.

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David Diamond - Senior Vice President Human Resources

David Diamond is the Senior Vice President of Human Resources, responsible for the delivery of Human Resources for 90,000 staff and physicians at Alberta Health Services. Prior to leading the Human Resources department, David was the Senior Vice President of Regional Hospitals for Alberta Health Services. David has also served as the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Sturgeon Community Hospital and Suburban/Rural Communities for Capital Health in Edmonton, Alberta. Preceding Alberta Health Services, David was Chief Executive Officer for the Central Regional Health Authority in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland. Mr. Diamond has an undergraduate degree in Commerce from Memorial University of Newfoundland, and a graduate degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Alberta.

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Deb Gordon - Senior Vice President, Health Professions Strategy & Practice Nursing Strategies

Deb Gordon is a Registered Nurse with over 25 years of experience – primarily in acute care operations. In June 2011, she was appointed the SVP in Health Professions Strategy and Practice and Chief Nursing and Health Professions Officer. Deb is responsible and accountable for providing the vision and leadership in the development, design and implementation of AHS health professions' workforce plan and provincial professional practice programs and services. She is dedicated to safe, quality patient care and has an equally strong commitment to supporting staff and physicians. Deb is a dynamic and enthusiastic health services executive who enjoys curling, shopping and travelling in her spare time.

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Tammy Hofer - Vice President Laboratory Services

Tammy Hofer is the Vice President of Laboratory Services for Alberta Health Services, where she leads the provincial laboratory system including acute care, community and specialty services, and the Provincial Laboratory for Public Health. Alberta Health Services, Canada's first province-wide fully integrated health system, brings together 12 formerly separate health entities in the province including nine geographically based health authorities, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), Alberta Mental Health Board and Alberta Cancer Board. Tammy is directly responsible for the operation of 108 laboratories across the province and is leading laboratory integration between the three major laboratory providers in Alberta. Tammy has made her career in Edmonton Alberta. Tammy received her BSc in Medical Laboratory Science from the University of Alberta in 1992. As she progressed into laboratory management at the University of Alberta Hospital, she went on to complete her Executive MBA through Athabasca University in 2005. Now in a provincial role, Tammy works with laboratory leaders across the province to design and implement a fully integrated laboratory service.

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Joan McGregor - Vice President, Strategic & Service Planning

Joan McGregor has a Masters in Health Sciences (epidemiology) from the University of Calgary and a bachelors of Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Alberta. During the initial part of her career she worked in a number of areas including acute care, psychiatry, Home Care and Continuing Care. For the past 20 years she has worked in a variety of strategic and service planning roles. Joan is thankful to be involved with the Alberta Clinician Council as she believes it will provide very valuable information and perspectives to strengthen overall strategic planning in Alberta Health Services.

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Susan Mumme - Senior Vice President, Quality and Healthcare Improvement

Susan is the Senior Vice President responsible for Quality & Healthcare Improvement which includes Quality Improvement, Patient Safety, Accreditation, Patient Experience, Knowledge Management, Clinical Policy, Clinical Ethics, Clinical Engagement, Quality Skills Development & Simulation, and the Office of the Patient Concerns Officer & Patient Relations. As well, Susan's team has accountability for supporting the dynamic Alberta Clinician Council. Susan has a passion for both clinician and patient engagement and sees the ACC as a unique opportunity to engage clinicians and to impact quality and safety in a very positive way.

Susan has extensive experience in healthcare as a frontline caregiver (dietician), director of clinical programs and support services, quality leader and senior executive, with a particular focus on the integration of health services at both the regional and provincial level. She is committed to continuous improvement in service deliver and the quality and safety of patient care. Susan holds a master's degree in Health Studies and a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science.

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Grant Walker – Vice President Community and Projects

Grant is the South Zone Vice President – Community & Projects. He has been working in South western Alberta for 23 years. Educated with an accounting designation and masters of business administration, he has spent the majority of his professional life working in the Alberta health care sector. In addition to his time as Vice President for the former Chinook Health Region, Grant also served as Executive Director, Special Projects and Director, Materiel Management. In his current role, Grant is responsible for a variety of clinical operational programs across the zone including community-based public health, primary care, chronic disease management, mental health & addictions, senior's health, allied health services, as well as volunteer resources. He also provides project leadership in the South zone beyond the scope of his operational portfolio including rural health planning and community engagement, several capital projects and serving as executive sponsor and liaison for many provincial projects implemented in the zone.

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Tracy Wasylak – Vice President Strategic Clinical Network Development

Tracy Wasylak was appointed as Vice President, Strategic Clinical Networks & Clinical Pathways effective January 16th, 2012. Tracy has been working on the development of the Strategic Clinical Networks since September, 2011. She has also co-chaired Alberta Health Services's Bone & Joint Clinical Network since 2009 & will continue in this role as it transitions to a Strategic Clinical Network. She is viewed as a strong, innovative leader who has held numerous senior leadership roles within Calgary since 2001. She has an undergraduate degree in nursing from University of Manitoba, Master's degree in Science (thesis) from McGill University and is an active Canadian Health Services Executive through the Canadian College of Health Leaders. Her research interests include Health Systems, patient engagement and health outcomes.

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