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## COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY -- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan -- May 23-24, 2013



Photos: (left) Launch of Progress Report 2013 with stakeholders including Roy Romanow; (right) Dennis Kendel, Councillor, Health Council of Canada; Dan Florizone, Saskatchewan Deputy Minister of Health; Bonnie Brossart, CEO, Saskatchewan Health Quality Council; Jack Kitts, Chair, Health Council of Canada

The meeting commenced with the launch of the Health Council's *Progress Report 2013*, at a stakeholder event attended by 50 dignitaries and health care and patient leaders. The event was covered by CJWW 600 radio and Global TV, and featured in key media across Canada.

In session, the Council discussed future plans for its intellectual property, including the popular Health Innovation Portal; this year's stakeholder engagements, including the October National Symposium on Appropriateness of Care; and research and reporting through to March 2014. Performance measures and the impacts of Council's recent work in the field were reviewed.

Council heard a special presentation on day one that addressed quality-of-care planning at The Ottawa Hospital. The focus was on three requirements in becoming a top system-level performer: the patient experience, management based on information and evidence/data that are backed by investment, and physician engagement. An initiative to have 12 academic hospitals in nine provinces agree on a framework and set of performance measures for reporting and benchmarking quality was discussed, as was The Ottawa Hospital's membership in NSQip, a surgical database of primarily U.S. hospitals.

Day two opened with a presentation by Bonnie Brossart, CEO of the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council, with input from Deputy Minister of Health, Dan Florizone. Council heard that Saskatchewan has adopted the Triple Aim approach to quality improvement and made it the "Triple Aim PLUS++," centred on accomplishing "Better Health, Better Care, Better Value, and Better Teams." This approach grew from many influences, including Helen Bevan's introduction of the NHS Change Model to Saskatchewan, and a foundational 2009 report, *For Patients' Sake: Patient First Review Commissioner's Report to the Saskatchewan Minister of Health*.

Ms. Brossart made reference to Rapid Process Improvement Teams at work in the province (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIFVeUNiZTg&feature=youtube>) and to Saskatchewan Health Quality Council blogs that elaborate their mantra, "BETTER EVERY DAY" <http://blog.hqc.sk.ca/>.