Dan Florizone

Dan Florizone has been appointed Deputy Minister of Health effective August 1, 2008. He holds an Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Regina and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Florizone has almost twenty-five experience in the health care sector. He has served since April of 2003 as the CEO of the Five Hills Health Region. He has experience as the Assistant Deputy Minister in Saskatchewan Health. He has also filled the role of CEO for Moose Jaw Thunder Creek Health District, and South East Health District.

Mr. Florizone has extensive experience across the province having held senior positions in hospitals in Canora, Invermay, Norquay, Wilkie, Gainsborough and Oxbow.

He has participated in many national and international initiatives, committees and projects. Recently, he served as the Chairperson of the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council.

Dr. Allan Hansen

Dr. Allan Hansen has been appointed Deputy Minister of Social Services effective July 15, 2008. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy, Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto; a Master of Social Work, University of Manitoba; and a Bachelor of Arts, University of Manitoba.

Dr. Hansen served in a variety of roles during his fifteen years of service with Saskatchewan Social Services. He was both an Assistant Deputy Minister and Deputy Minister during his career with the department.

In Manitoba, Dr. Hansen was the Executive Director of Regional Operations for Manitoba Family Services in Winnipeg. He was also Manitoba's first Vulnerable Persons Commissioner from 1996 to 2006.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Hansen worked as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.